



Editorial

As the *Journal of NeuroVirology* (JNV) enters its sixth year of publication, I am extremely proud that it continues to uphold its mission as a unique forum for providing the very latest in basic and clinical research related to the molecular biology, pathogenesis and sequelae of viral infections of the nervous system. Over the past five years, the journal has grown in scope to include non-viral agents such as encephalopathies, and to devote special issues to topics such as chemokines and brain tumors. In the coming year we will publish a special issue dedicated to prions and transmissible encephalopathies.

The International Society for NeuroVirology was established in 1995. JNV was instrumental in the founding of ISNV and is recognised as the official journal of the society. Through its partnership with ISNV, the journal has served to disseminate meeting information to its readership. The annual International Symposium of NeuroVirology, presented for the first time as part of the prestigious Gordon Research Conference series in 1999, received prominent coverage in the journal. In addition, we are in the process of producing two supplements for our sixth year of publication. The first supplement, entitled 'HIV and the Nervous System: Emerging

Issues', reports on a symposium held in Washington, DC in April 1999 under the joint sponsorship of the NIMH and NINDS of the National Institutes of Health. The supplement will contain peer-reviewed papers submitted by guest speakers at the symposium, as well as speaker and poster abstracts. The second supplement is entitled 'Multiple Sclerosis: Research and Care'. This supplement will consist of 37 papers submitted by speakers at a symposium held in Milan, Italy in May 1999.

The goal of the *Journal of NeuroVirology* in the coming year will be the continued publication of high-quality peer-reviewed original articles, mini-reviews, editorials and case reports that will serve as a well-focused and centralized resource for defining the ever growing field of neurovirology. I firmly believe that the journal's focus on basic and clinical neurovirology research will promote the development of therapeutic strategies for neurological disorders. With the help of a dedicated internationally renowned editorial board, we will strive to further the advancement of translational research in this field

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