EDITORIAL

International Society
for Neuronal Regulation (ISNR)

With the advent of Volume 7 we now have a slight alteration to our cover—the SNR logo has become the ISNR logo. At the 2002 meeting of the Society of Neuronal Regulation, the word “International” was added to the society’s name by an almost unanimous majority of the voting membership. This is probably old news for most of our readers by the time the Journal arrives in their mailboxes, but this marks a landmark for the Journal and ISNR and deserves some comment and reflection. This move reflects the growing momentum towards international membership and the formation of international component chapters of SNR over the past several years. To readers of this journal it comes as no surprise, as more papers are being published by authors from counties other than the USA.

The first issue of the volume traditionally contains abstracts from the SNR (now ISNR) annual scientific meeting, and issue 7(1) is no exception. Now for the first time we are also including the abstracts of two important meetings held outside of the USA—the Australian SNR 2001 annual meeting and the pro-
ceedings of a special conference held on QEEG on the Island of Saba in the West Indies. We look forward to the continued publication of abstracts from important meetings around the world of interest to neurotherapists, especially meetings of component chapters of ISNR. As always, these abstracts have limited review by the journal’s editorial staff and by the program planning committees involved, and are published here to allow the earliest possible dissemination of important knowledge to the field of neurotherapy. We hope that all the authors of these abstracts will write their work in full format and submit it to this or other journals for full peer review. In future volumes, we will attempt to spread abstracts out over several issues.

Because neurotherapy has so many facets, and special applications, we have given some thought to publishing special topical issues. Two forthcoming special issues are shaping up for Volumes 7 and 8. Joel Lubar is the editor of a special issue on QEEG databases that will include papers by Jack Johnstone and Jay Gunkelman, Robert Thatcher, Marco Congedo and Joel Lubar, Noland White, Jamie Romano-Micha, and Iamara Lorensen. This special issue will explore the criteria and standards for database development and the clinical applications of QEEG databases in neurotherapy treatment design and outcome evaluation. A special Journal of Neurotherapy issue on Hemoencephalography is also forthcoming in Volume 8 and is being edited by Tim Tinius. Hemoencephalography (HEG) is a noninvasive form of brain blood flow biofeedback using oximetry sensors and infrared sensors. HEG is a new form of neurotherapy, with little published information or research. Tentatively, the special issue on HEG will include papers by Jeff Carmen, Herschel Toomim, and Robert Sherrill.

As always, papers submitted by students are especially welcome. We look forward to publishing papers in Volume 7 that have been submitted by authors who were students at the time of the research. Student authored papers submitted between March 1, 2002 and March 1, 2003 and accepted for publication following our peer review process are now eligible for three levels of cash award, as judged by a separate panel of reviewers based on a scalar point system. In addition to Haworth Press’ first prize of $1000, there are also second ($750) and third ($250) Michigan Institute for Neurobiofeedback cash prizes for the best student papers published in the Journal of Neurotherapy. We are appreciative of the special contributions made by Haworth Press and by the Michigan Institute for Neurobiofeedback, encouraging students toward publication of their important research in this journal.

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