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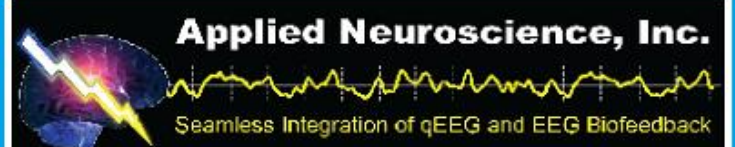
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EDITORIAL

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Welcome to the last edition of Volume 17 of the *Journal of Neurotherapy* and with great sadness, at the time of writing, the last edition of the journal. Over the past 12 months, the Board of Directors of ISNR has been evaluating the needs of the society and has decided to take the society's publishing arm in a new direction. Unfortunately, without the support of ISNR, the publishers have indicated that it is not viable to continue the journal after this edition.

Since the first edition was published in 1995, the *Journal of Neurotherapy* has helped shape clinical practice and our understanding of the link between brain and behavior. To date, the journal has published more than 400 articles and helped to keep clinicians informed about relevant developments and controversies within the field through the publication of book reviews; news from other journals; letters to the editor; and abstracts from the ISNR, SAN and SABA annual conferences.

Looking through past editions, it was interesting for me to see how the field has developed and how other aspects continue to be the same. It brought a smile to my face to see that the very first article published in edition one of Volume 1 was "Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Neurological Basis and Treatment Alternatives" by Barabasz and Barabasz, a topic so dear to my own heart. This also clearly set the tone for much of the early years of the journal as AD/HD continued to be a dominant topic throughout the journal. However, as our knowledge of other disorders has increased, so did the variety of content in the journal, with articles published on autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities,

performance enhancement, cognitive processing, aspects of criminality, and Parkinson's disease, among many others. Within the pages of the journal there is also a record of the changes in our understanding of the processes being used. A simple point that stood out for me was that in the early editions the term "EEG Biofeedback" is by far the dominant term used, but this has evolved into "Neurotherapy" in later editions. It is also of interest to see the changes in technology over time. The early pages are dominated by articles using amplitude training, but over time this has changed to coherence training, z-score, and LORETA protocols. Throughout the pages of the journal, the simple Fourier transformed EEG has changed with the wider acceptance of normative databases, LORETA analysis, and the use of fMRI and TMS, to name but a few. Probably the most notable change over this time has been the hardware itself, going from units that needed to sit on a desk to ones that will fit in your pocket! Seeing the progress that has occurred over the past 20 years, I cannot wait to see what the next 20 years will bring.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the people who have made the journal possible. Thank you to the Junior Editors, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Board for their contributions and time. I would like to particularly thank Dr. Randall R. Lyle for completing all those reviews I requested at such short notice. Not once did he say no! I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Dr. D. Cory Hammond as our Clinical Corner Editor. Dr. Hammond has nurtured this section of the journal since 2001 up until the final issue, and has been a tremendous support to me as

Senior Editor. He has contributed many original articles to the journal, and I know I have learned enormously from his contributions. I want to make a special acknowledgment to Dr. David L. Trudeau, Emeritus Editor. Dr. Trudeau was Senior Editor for nearly half the life of the journal, and has continued to be a part of the journal ever since. His many years of service ensured the continuance of the journal and the high quality of all submissions. Thank you to Dr. Janice Bigby and

Dr. Jon Frederick for their hard work behind the scenes as copy editors. I know this was frequently a challenging position. Finally, I would like to thank the ISNR Board for giving me the opportunity to act as Senior Editor for the past 2 years. I have enjoyed this position immensely, and will always remember this time as one of the highlights of my career.

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