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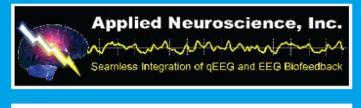
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David L. Trudeau, M.D., Editor

HAWORTH TO BEGIN PUBLISHING JOURNAL OF NEUROTHERAPY

Beginning with Volume 4, Haworth Press will be the publisher of the Journal of Neurotherapy. This will mean a substantial improvement in the printing quality, binding and appearance of the journal. It will also mean improved opportunities for gaining new readership through Haworth's marketing efforts to other professional societies and institutions. This will be a quantum leap forward for the Journal of Neurotherapy - yes, we will still call it that. After spirited debate and brainstorming with the editorial board and the board of SNR, we have decided that our archival endurance as "The Journal of Neurotherapy" is more important than any snappy new name. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with Haworth Press.

Along with improved publication and distribution, the contents of the journal will be expanded. This issue (Vol 3, no 3 and 4) initiates several new features that will be carried over into the new format. You will notice color in this special double issue, essential to displaying brain maps and the other graphics that we have come to rely on in our field of neurotherapy. In the future we will have up to ten pages of color in each issue of the journal. We will continue to have a special section called "Technical Notes" where we will focus on EEG phenomena and equipment and software concerns. Part of our focus in "Technical Notes" will be to provide basic information about brain wave biofeedback principles that involve filtering, cutoff, noise suppression, and amplitude measure to set standards for uniform reporting of technique. We will also carry a regular section called "Current Concepts in Neurotherapy" that will focus on ideas, hypotheses, and models, as well as trends and issues. A third regular feature appearing in this issue is "News from Other Journals and Websites" with a digest of articles of interest that we believe deserve special comment. (In this issue, three recent reviews of the scope and practice of QEEG are summarized.) No one of us can read all of the pertinent literature. If you read journals of special interest, we would appreciate your submitted summary and commentary of articles you believe are important to our readership. Most important to me as editor is the feature entitled "Correspondence." We expect to hear from you, our readers, on topics you wish to communicate and on commentary regarding the contents of the journal. We especially welcome letters that take issue with any of the articles published in the journal, and will allow authors to reply to letters that raise issues or questions.

As our journal increases in size, there is more work to do. Darlene Nelson will assume the role of managing editor, continuing her job of coordinating the peer review process, and getting the journal in its final edited form before submission to the publisher.

We have had requests for reprints of articles from past issues of the Journal, and have had difficulty maintaining an inventory of articles. As our publisher, Haworth Press will now handle all back issues, beginning with Volume 1 Number 1. This is important because other research is published referencing articles appearing in Journal of Neurotherapy, prompting library and information retrieval service requests for reprints. It is important that we have a reliable mechanism in place for reprint requests - these can be directed to Darlene Nelson.

The mainstay of the journal will always be peer reviewed original research. To that end, it is my impression that the quality of submissions is steadily improving, and the quality of the extensive review work done by the consulting editors is also improving. Each issue of the journal involves a great effort by our staff, which aside from the managing editor, is made up entirely of dedicated volunteers. It takes a great collaboration of authors, editors, and critical readers to make a good journal. As I took on this editorship a year ago, I promised four issues a year, and a

professional publisher. I am happy to say those goals are being met today. I look forward to your submissions to any of our features, and to your comments.

CASH AWARD FOR STUDENT PAPER PUBLISHED IN JOURNAL OF NEUROTHERAPY

A special unrestricted cash award of \$1000 will be given to the first place student who submits a research paper to the journal for publication in the year 2000. The paper must written according to the instructions to authors, which can be found in each issue of the journal and on the web page at snr-jnt.org. The papers must not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. Submissions must be deemed to be publishable by editorial and peer review, and must be revised as directed by the journal peer review process. The principle author of the submitted paper must be a full time student during the writing of the paper and at the time of submission. Papers submitted by former students will not be eligible for the com-

petition. Student status during the preparation of the paper and at the time of submission must be verified by a cover letter from the student's advisor. Students from baccalaureate level through postdoctoral programs (including residencies and internships) are eligible. Papers that have been submitted and/or presented for competition at SNR annual meetings are eligible, and the award will not conflict with other awards offered by SNR. Papers co-authored by the editor or associate editors will not be eligible for competition. Papers must be received no later than August first, 2000. The first place award will be determined by the editorial board of the journal, consisting of the editor and associate editors.

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