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Don't worry! Although the cover design is new, this is still *AJNR*, "The Blue Journal." This issue is special, however, because it marks the beginning of the American Society of Neuroradiology's venture into self-publication, and *AJNR*'s first issue as the Official Journal of both the American Society of Neuroradiology and the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology (see page 407).

The ASNR has toyed with the idea of becoming a publisher since it purchased ownership of the *Journal* in 1987, and the final decision to push ahead was reached during the Executive Committee Retreat in Washington last February. Self-publication does not mean that ASNR is going to open a printing plant; in fact, the plan is to continue to have our printing done by Waverly Press which—as the strong printing arm of Williams & Wilkins—has done such a superb job for *AJNR* during the past 12 years. ASNR will, however, assume administrative control over all aspects of journal management, including subscription fulfillment and sales, promotion, advertising sales, copyediting, and indexing, to name a few.

The decision to self-publish required that we identify a capable individual to oversee the Society's publishing enterprise. At the Washington retreat, a second motion was passed to hire Donald Stewart as ASNR's Director of Scientific Communications. Don comes to the ASNR from the RSNA where—for the past 12 years—he served in turn as Managing Editor of *Radiology*; Manager of Editorial Services; Director of Publications; and Assistant Executive Director, Communications and Education. Prior to his RSNA years, Don lived and worked in New York City where he learned the "major scales" of biomedical editing and communications. He served with distinction as a Hospital Corpsman in the US Navy from 1968–1971, and subsequently entered Columbia University, graduating with a degree in English. An active member of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, the Biological Photographic Association, the Council of Biology Editors, and the Society for Scholarly Publishing, Don's interests in medical writing and communications range widely. He is thoroughly familiar with all aspects of journal

printing, journal management, and copyediting; not the least of his attributes is a fine sense of humor. The American Society of Neuroradiology plans to make full use of his talents.

Don assumed his duties in April and, under the direction of David O. Davis and the Publications Committee, established a budget, sought bids from printers, contacted advertisers, and assisted the editor in choosing new formats and features.

In addition to our new typeface (Korinna), larger print size for text, and new cover design, we have revised our "author guidelines." I urge contributors to the *Journal* to take a few minutes and scan them; compliance with these guidelines will greatly simplify our task of editing and shorten turnaround time.

The mail date for *AJNR* will be moved to the 10th day of the month of issue, eg, the January issue was mailed on January 10. This later mail date allows us latitude in the acceptance of classified and commercial advertising; most important, however, it affords us a more commodious production slot at Waverly Press. Subscribers will thus receive their journals approximately mid-month of issue. We hope readers do not find this inconvenient.

There are a few policy and format changes and new features that deserve special mention to the readership. As you can see in this issue, all articles, regardless of length, will contain an abstract and index terms. Major papers will begin with a structured abstract.

Through the years, a number of individuals have complained that book reviews in journals tend to be somewhat patronizing. That has not been my experience; however, by popular demand, I will bow to the skeptics and institute a trial of anonymous reviews of books that are sent to the *Journal*. I will continue to use Drs. Wolpert and Scatliff as my book review advisors and as occasional reviewers, but henceforth we will request anonymous book reviews and publish our list of reviewers at year-end. Book reviews will be subject to editing for style but not substance, and will be designated as "Invited Reviews." I plan to institute this policy in mid-1992.

The *Journal* also invites individuals to submit

reviews of books that have not been officially received by the *Journal* but which they feel might be of interest to our readers. These may be novels, histories, biographies, or medical textbooks, and would be published at the discretion of the editor.

Dr. Anne Osborn and Dr. James Smirniotopoulos have consented to edit a new feature of the *Journal*, "Radiologic-Pathologic Correlation." Guidelines and a call for the submission of such papers appear on page 38.

While those of us who have subscribed for the past 12 years will always think of the *American Journal of Neuroradiology* as *AJNR*, we have been told by *Index Medicus* that we are henceforth to be abbreviated as "*AJNR: Am J Neuroradiol.*" Please understand that this is a unilateral decision made by *Index Medicus* and one with which the *Journal* must comply in order to be properly cited.

Finally, there have been some significant changes in the masthead, among them the addition of eight "International Consultants to the Editor" (see brief biographic sketches below). There are many exciting things happening in neuroradiology and head and neck radiology outside of North America. We hope that these individuals will keep the readership informed about meetings, research, and educational and political developments that involve our specialty throughout the world. It is also hoped that broadening the scope of the *Journal* will encourage the submission of more articles from abroad.

The first 12 years of the *Journal* have been an unqualified success. We do not plan to rest on our laurels.

Michael S. Huckman
Editor

Newly Appointed International Consultants to the Editor

Kaj Lennart Ericson received his MD from the Karolinska Institute in 1972, completed his radiology residency at the Karolinska Hospital in 1975, and has remained as a staff neuroradiologist at that institution, attaining the rank of Professor of Neuroradiology in 1988. Kaj is a prodigious lecturer (more than 400 worldwide lectures delivered over the past 15 years), and a prolific author (109 of his papers can be found in the world literature). Currently, he is President-elect of the XVIIIth Congress of the European Society of Neuroradiology, and is at work planning for ESNR's meeting in Stockholm, September 8-11 of this year.

Brian Earnest Kendall was educated largely at the Dublin University Medical School where many scholarships and prizes came his way. He currently works as a consultant radiologist for the National Hospital for Nervous Disease (London) and is Head of the Lysholm Radiological Department in that institution; he is also consultant radiologist at the Hospital for Sick Children (London). Brian is an active member of eight world-class radiologic and medical societies and sits on the Editorial Board of the **British Journal of Radiology**. "Awestruck" is the best word to de-

scribe the feeling one has when one scans Dr Kendall's CV. The entries are unnumbered; I stopped counting after 300 but the scope and breadth of his thought rather than the sheer number of published works are what strikes one most.

Marco Leonardi took his degree in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Padua, Italy in 1967. He is currently Chief of the Department of Neuroradiology at the General Hospital of Udine, and Chief Editor of the Italian Journal of Neuroradiology: *Rivista di Neuroradiologica* (the one with the superbly printed illustrations). Marco was President of the Italian Society of Neuroradiology (1986-1990), and Chairman of the XVth Congress of the European Society of Neuroradiology (1987). His name can be found at the top of more than 230 published works.

Luc Picard is Professor of Neuroradiology of the Faculty of Medicine, University Hospital, Nancy, France; he directs the Department of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Neuroradiology at the same institution. His collaborative and fruitful neurointerventional efforts with his colleague Rene Djindjian are well-known. Dr. Picard was a founding mem-



Ericson, Kendall, Leonardi, and Picard

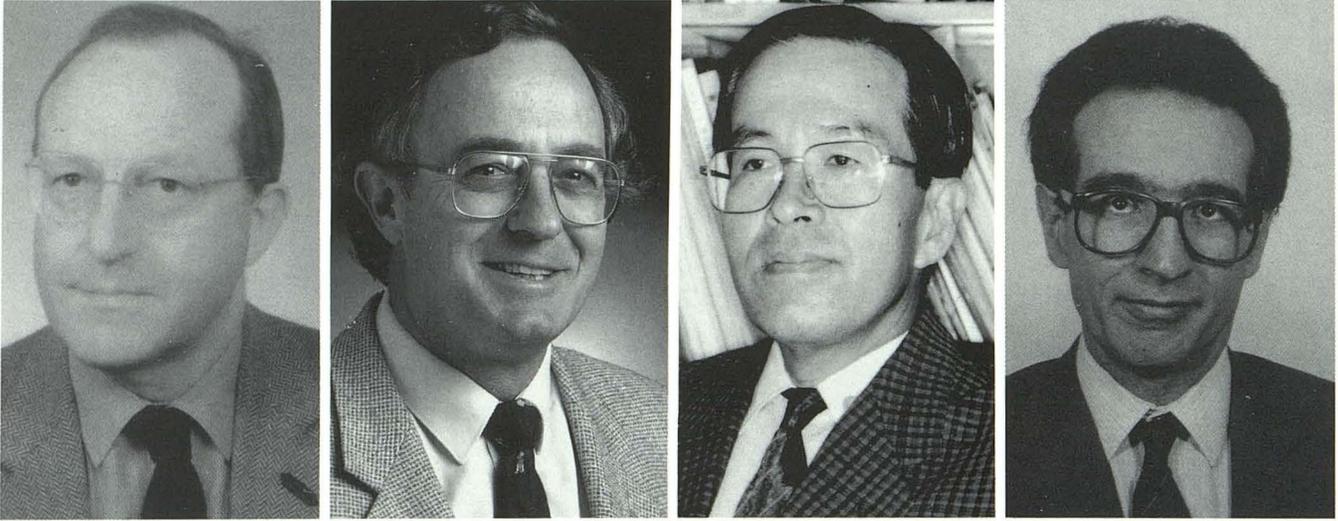
ber of both the European and French Societies of Neuroradiology, becoming President of the latter in 1989. He helped to start the *Journal of Neuroradiology* in 1974 and became its Chief Editor in 1978. A recent achievement for Dr Picard was his role in the creation of a new society in which physicians and members of the legal profession work together toward worthy goals—the Society of Medico-Legal Imaging. He became its President in 1990. Like Dr Ericson, Dr Picard loves to lecture and has addressed scientists around the globe.

Uwe Piepgras was born in Bad Bramstedt, North Germany in 1933, graduated from the University of Freiburg and Duesseldorf in 1958, and completed a residency with specialization in neuroradiology at the University of Kiel in 1969. From 1972 to the present he has been Professor of Radiology and Head of the Institute of Neuroradiology at Saarland University, Hamburg. He has been active in 15 radiologic, neuroradiologic, nuclear medicine, neurosurgical, and related societies, and was President of the German Society of Neuroradiology from 1987 to 1990. Dr Piepgras serves on the Editorial Boards of five venerable European radiologic journals, is a prolific author, and Editor of fine repute.

Michael Radford Sage received his Bachelor of Medicine at the University of Adelaide, Australia in 1965, attained Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists in 1973, Fellowship of the Royal

Australasian College of Radiologists in 1980, Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1982, and his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Adelaide in 1983. He was Director of Radiology at Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, South Australia from 1976–1984, and from 1984 to present has been Professor and Chairman of the Department of Radiology. Dr Sage serves on the Editorial Boards of *Current Imaging*, *Investigative Radiology*, and *Australasian Radiology*. He has engaged in myriad research projects and has authored an impressive number of original articles and textbook chapters.

Mutsumasa Takahashi completed his medical education at the Kyushu University School of Medicine, Fukuoka, Japan in 1960, a residency in radiology at the University of Michigan Hospital in 1965, and a Fellowship in cardiovascular radiology at Stanford University Hospital in 1966. His staff appointments have included an Assistant Professorship in Neuroradiology at the UCLA School of Medicine and a consultancy in neuroradiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles. Currently, he is Professor and Chairman of Radiology at the Kumamoto School of Medicine in Japan. Dr Takahashi is an active member of 20 august scientific associations—12 in Japan, one in Britain, two in Europe, and five on these shores. He serves on the Editorial Boards of eight radiologic publications, and is President of the XV Symposium Neuroradiologicum, slated for Kumamoto, Japan in 1994.



Piepgras, Sage, Takahashi, and Valavanis

Anton Valavanis has been active at the University Hospital in Zurich, Switzerland from his Medical School days (1970–1977) to the present, where he currently is Professor and Head of Neuroradiology. Anton was a founding member of the European Society of Head and Neck Radiology, the International Skull Base Society, and the Swiss Society of Neuroradiology. His role as Congress President for the joint meeting of the European Society of Neuroradiology, the European Society of Head and Neck Radiology, and

the World Federation of Interventional and Therapeutic Radiology was demanding to say the least. The success of that joint meeting (Zurich in October of last year) attests to his skill as an organizer and forward thinker. Anton serves as Editor-in-Chief for *Neuroradiology*, official publication of the ESNR, and as editorial advisory board member for five other journals. He is the founding Editor of *Neuroradiologica Helvetica*, the official journal of the Swiss Society of Neuroradiology.