

A Note of Thanks

This issue of the Journal marks the end of the **formal** relationship between the *American Journal of Neuroradiology* and the *American Journal of Roentgenology*. As of January 1992, the limited, dual-publication arrangement between the two journals will terminate. This will coincide with the new role of the American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR) as publisher of *AJNR*.

AJNR received significant support from the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) during the Journal's birth and development. The Journal was originally owned by ARRS, although its editor and editorial board were chosen by ASNR. ARRS assumed the initial financial risk while agreeing to share its royalty with the ASNR; also it retained the right to reprint selected neuroradiology articles in *AJR*. This novel relationship flourished under the joint editorial guidance of Juan Taveras, founder and editor of *AJNR*, and Melvin Figley, who at that time was editor of *AJR*.

In the background were the less publicized efforts put forth by Ray Gagliardi and Paul Capp of the ARRS Publications Committee; without them, the project could not have succeeded.

From its inception, *AJNR* was an immediate success and a significant profit center for ASNR. During the presidency of Tom Bergeron, ASNR purchased *AJNR* from the ARRS; however, the dual-publication arrangement remained in place, and Williams & Wilkins continued to publish both journals.

Following the retirement of Mel Figley, Robert Berk was appointed editor of *AJR*, and its editorial office moved from Seattle, WA, to La Jolla, CA. Bob and Juan also worked closely, and the *AJNR* evolved, steadily, both in editorial scope and circulation. When I assumed the editorship in January 1990, circulation had reached an impressive 5000 mark.

At the ASNR Executive Committee retreat in February of 1991, the continuing evolution of the Journal was discussed at great length. Decisions were made to let the dual-publication agreement with ARRS lapse and to begin self-publication of *AJNR* in 1992. ASNR

also decided to hire Donald Stewart as director of scientific communications and overseer of the publishing effort.

Following the Executive Committee retreat, Dave Davis, Don Stewart, and I met with Bill Casarella, chairman of the ARRS Publications Committee; Paul Capp; and Robert Berk. Although the current arrangement between the two journals will end this year, all agreed that the door remains open for joint but nonduplicative ventures in the future. In the meantime, my personal thanks go to Robert Berk for the help he has extended during the past 2½ years. He is indeed a gentleman, and a fair and professional editor.

Many in the *AJR* editorial office (Janine Anderson, Barbara Halliburton, Sheri Smith, Nancy Rydbeck, Margaret Levene, Katie Spiller, and Linda Waggoner) have been part of *AJNR*'s success. However, an indelible imprint has been put on *AJNR* by our manuscript editor, Barbara Rose. We have been truly privileged to have her facilitate the work of editors, authors, and the printer. She is among the best at what she does, and we wish her well in her future as managing editor of *AJR*.

Finally, I would like to extend a note of thanks to our publisher, Williams & Wilkins. Their motto is "Sans tache," which, literally translated, means "without blemish." Williams & Wilkins's technical expertise and professional integrity as medical publishers are indeed without blemish and have added to the luster of *AJNR*. While we will continue to use their strong and practiced printing arm, the Waverly Press, I extend the thanks of *AJNR* to Carole Pippin, Alma Wills, and Cara Kaufman of the Journal Publishing Division, Williams & Wilkins, for the support they have provided over the past several years, and particularly for their gracious assistance during this period of transition.

AJNR has some exciting things in store for its readers. More about these will be forthcoming in a future issue.

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