

Editorial Message

*Our journal continues to be the leading journal for Neurosciences in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East. Last year we had the goal of indexing the Neurosciences. Today, January 2007, we have achieved the first step towards our goal by having **Neurosciences indexed in Thomson ISI in Science Citation Index Expanded® online at ISI Web of KnowledgeSM and Neurosciences Citation Index**, and they have backdated this indexing to include all articles published in 2006. We achieved this through the hard work of the family of Neurosciences including the Advisory and Editorial Boards and of course, the enthusiastic authors who continue to submit interesting and important neurosciences material for publication. We encourage the neuroscientists to continue their support of our journal by sending neurosciences publications to enrich the educational materials provided to the readers.*

We would like to thank Nayef R. Al-Rodhan, Senior Advisory Editor, Nazeer Khan, Biostatistician and the outgoing Advisory and Editorial Board members, who have now all finished their term (Mohammed Al-Thagafi, Hussein Malibary, Youssef Comair, Jun Kimura, and Sami Harik) and welcome Nawal Adwani and Shireen Qureshi to the Advisory Board and Eng-King Tan, Hans Lassmann, and Kazuo Abe to the Editorial Board. In recognition of his continued support, and outstanding contribution to the journal we also give a special thanks to Robert Daroff, who we have now appointed Senior Consulting Editor. We also extend our thanks to Yacoub Bahou and Mustafa Kahrman who provided the Neurosciences Quizzes for the year 2006. These were of excellent standard, and proved very popular with our readers. The quiz will continue to be a regular feature of the journal covering many topics in the Neurosciences field, and we welcome submissions for this section of the journal.

In the year 2006, we received 110 manuscripts, and from these, we published 87 articles, including book reviews and errata notices, totalling 354 pages with a rejection rate of 21%. The majority of these articles originated from Eastern Mediterranean countries (68%) with the highest number from Saudi Arabia (33%). The remaining articles (32%) originated from countries including, Turkey, USA, Canada, UK, China, and India. These 87 articles comprised 44% original work, with the remaining including editorials, reviews, case reports, clinical notes, quizzes, brief communication, and correspondence. In the coming year, in addition to our regular issues, we will publish a number of supplements, the first of which you can find at the end of this issue on the abstracts presented at the 7th Annual Meeting of the Saudi Chapter of Epilepsy. We will also publish another supplement later in the year on Vagal Nerve Stimulation in Epilepsy.

Our other plans for the coming year include dissemination of information and to increase the journals profile by inclusion in regional and international indexing databases, attendance at regional conferences, and participation in academic activities to encourage submission of high quality articles, and commissioning of our best reviewers to submit articles.

We hope all our readers will enjoy the new look and feel of the journal. We have introduced a new font and fewer lines in tables and figures to increase the readability, and introduced more color for a more dynamic and interactive feel. We will also include more educational fill-ins to minimize the amount of blank space, including related topics from published articles found on the Neurosciences website. Later this year, we also hope to include additional features on the journals website, including e-mail notification of new table of contents, more extensive academic calendar available online, and the introduction of a sophisticated web-based manuscript submission interface.

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Our thanks also go to the following reviewers, who have participated in the excellent review of manuscripts and books for the year 2006.

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