

Editorial Message

The development of the Neurosciences Journal over the last decade has matched the growth of clinical neurosciences in our region. Today, Neurosciences stands as a leading journal in the Arabic and Islamic world, well recognized and well respected by most of the universities and scientific institutes in the Kingdom and the region. The Neurosciences website attracts more than 15,000 hits per month from the Kingdom and worldwide. Despite the excellent standard reached by Neurosciences, we believe that there is still a lot to be done, and we have applied to Pubmed for indexing and are waiting for a positive answer.

During 2005, we appointed Dr. Sonia Khan as the new Associate Editor for the Neurosciences Journal. Dr. Khan joined the Riyadh Armed Forces Hospital in 1992 as a Fellow in Adult Neurology, and is now the Director of the Neurosciences Department. She gained Adult Epileptology Fellowship, UCLA Medical Center in 1997, and Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, in 1998. Dr. Khan is a Consultant Neurologist, specializing in Epileptology and the Director of the Training Committee of the Neurology Board of the Saudi Medical Council.

The Editors would like to thank the outgoing Advisory and Editorial Board members who have now finished their term (Samir Atweh, Abdel-Latif Osman, Talat Al-Wazna, Abdulrahman Al-Tahan, Ayman Hassan, Bassel Abou-Khalil, Eman Bakhsh, Farouk Talat, Ibrahim Al-Orainy, Imad Najm, Miguel Fiol, Mohammed Mikati, Ra'ad Shakir, Sarmed Al-Fahad, Mohammed Al-Jumah, Mohammed Jan, and Mahr Al-Jadid) and would like to welcome Nawal Adwani, Yousef Al-Said, Ahmad Beydoun, Hans-Peter Hartung, David MacDonald, and Shireen Qureshi to the Editorial Board. We also welcome Dr. Nazeer Khan as Statistical Advisor to the Journal. Dr. Khan is an Associate Professor from the Department of Preventive Dental Sciences, College of Dentistry, King Saud University, with a specialized interest in Dental and Medical Statistics.

We extend our special thanks to Dr. David MacDonald who has now finished his 2-year term as Neurophysiology Quiz Editor. The quizzes provided by Dr. MacDonald were of excellent standard, and proved very popular with our readers. Dr. MacDonald will still play an active role in the journal as a new member of our Editorial Board. 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.

With the tremendous effort provided, the journal continues to increase in popularity with a rising number of subscribers and visitors to the Neuroscience website. We look forward to continuing hard work to improve the quality of the published materials.

Our thanks also go to the following reviewers, who have participated in the excellent review of manuscripts and books for the year 2005.

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