

Present and future

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There was a need in the Neurosciences community to have a Journal as a media for the Neurosciences disciplines. Neurosciences started biyearly, but quickly became quarterly. It has also published a number of special supplements. It is a well-respected peer reviewed Journal and it is also the official Journal of the Pan-Arab Union of Neurological Sciences. It is received by many Neurologists in the Arab countries and worldwide, and also by all members of the International League against Epilepsy in our area.

The goal of the Journal has always been to report on the latest developments in clinical neuroscience and medical practice in the Middle East and the international community, and now in its 7th volume still continues to enjoy an international reputation of excellence. Over the years, Neurosciences has encouraged communication between researchers and clinicians worldwide, and to illustrate how clinical practice can benefit from advances in basic neurological research. In addition to publishing quality papers reporting the very latest original research in the field of neurology, Neurosciences is fully peer-reviewed and has fast-track editorial and publication procedures. Its publication includes Editorials, Review Articles, Original Articles, Case Reports, Clinical Notes, Correspondence and Book Reviews.

This year the Journal has been recognized by Scientific Councils of different faculties in Saudi Arabia as well as many Universities in the Arab countries worldwide.

Website. We have developed a website (www.smj.org.sa/neurosciences) which will contain all the articles published in Neurosciences from January 2001. It will also feature a Search engine that will enable online users to search for certain topics from published articles. It will also contain vital information regarding the Journal and Information to Authors that will enable existing authors and future authors to view guidelines on submission of papers for Neurosciences.

Manuscripts. Occasionally we have permission to publish high caliber articles from the Saudi Medical Journal, which also attracts subscribers of Neurosciences. However, the number of these articles is becoming less and less.

Indexing. In the coming year we have plans for the Journal to be indexed internationally so as to broaden the readership and authorship. This year we published an author, subject and contents index, we will also implement strict Quality Control on the Journal. An annual report and statistical data will be available from next year.

For Neurosciences to be successful, we need the support and help of all our members of the Neurosciences community and the Arab world.