

The voice of Arab unity

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Neurosciences is now in its 8th year, and since the year 2000 it has been the official journal of the Pan Arab Union of Neurological Societies. In the last 8 years the journal has improved in both content and circulation. The Journal is now cited and indexed in Embase, Excerpta Medica and Biobase, and available on the world wide wide at www.neurosciencesjournal.org.sa. The Journal is well recognized in many academic and university institutes in the Arab countries and worldwide. We have now 1500 subscribers, distributed in all the Arab countries. Our manuscripts are received from nearly all the Arab countries, but more from Asian-Arab countries than African-Arab countries, this may be due to the language in which the journal is published.

This year the journal revitalized itself with new blood and new brains. We are honored to have Adel Afifi, USA, Ziad Ahmed, UAE, Mohammed Al-Jumah, Eman Bakhsh (previously Radiology Quiz Editor), Robert Daroff, USA, Anwar Etribi, Egypt, Sami Harik, USA, Mohammed Jan, Sonia Khan, Ra'ad Shakir, UK, and Farouk Talat, Egypt, as members of our new Editorial Board. The journal could not have reached its current status without the input of the previous Editorial Board, some of whom have served for many years. Although some of the previous Editorial Board members asked to retire, we could not let them do so, and asked them to become Advisors for the journal and be part of our new Advisory Board, namely, Samir Atweh, Lebanon, Ashraf Kurdi, Jordan, Amel Mrabet, Tunisia, and Abdel-Latif Osman, Egypt. Mohammed Al-Thagafi, previously the Editor of the Radiology Quiz has also joined the Advisory Board. We would also like to thank all those who served on our Editorial Board: Adnan Awada, Aida Al-Aqeel, Saad Al-Rajeh, Ashmahan Al-Shubaili, Kuwait, Abdulsalam Al-Sulaiman, Said El Zunni, Libya, Miguel Fiol, USA, Djamel Grid, Algeria, Ahmed Hamad, Qatar, Abdulhakim Jamjoom, Zain Jamjoom, Adel Jishi, Bahrain, Ahmed Khalifa, Syria, Francis Le Blanc, Mohamad Mikati, Lebanon, Najoua Miladi, Tunisia, Daoud Mustafa, Sudan, and Mohammed Tariq.

Since July 2002 we started the PAUNs newsletter, this year it will be in the 2nd volume. Although the editors have the burden of editing this newsletter, we are more than happy to have Dr. Mohamed El-Tamawy as our a Co-Editor. Last year we issued 2 supplements, one covered the 11th Saudi Neurosciences Symposium and 3rd Annual Meeting of Saudi Chapter of Epilepsy with Guest Editor Hussein Malibary and Ayman Hassan. The second supplement was on the 1st Annual Jeddah Neurosciences Update with Guest Editors Mohamed Erfan and Abdelhakim Shawki. This year we published the first supplement with this issue on the 9th Pan Arab Union of Neurological Societies Conference with Guest Editor Anwar Etribi and Guest Co-Editors Mohamed Abdul-Ghani, Mahmoud Allam, Mohamed El Tamawy, Sahir Hashim, Abdel-Latif Osman and Farouk Talaat. We plan to have one more supplement in April on the EEG and Epilepsy course.

Arab unity is no more a dream but a necessity, and *Neurosciences* will continue to be our loud voice for now and the future.

Editorial Message

The Editors would like to thank all the reviewers who have participated in the excellent review of manuscripts for the year 2002.

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