Essays on Citation Classics in Developmental Neuroscience

From 1977 to 1993, Current Contents published short essays on ‘citation classics’. The original intent of the citation classics essays was to discuss how the project was initiated, whether any obstacles were encountered, and why the work was highly cited’ [Eugene Garfield, http://garfield.library.upenn.edu/classics.html]. Recently, Brain, Behavior and Evolution [2011; 78: 129] initiated an analogous series of essays on highly cited papers published in the journal since its inception in 1968. Based on this successful model, Developmental Neuroscience is now initiating a similar series on citation classics published in the journal since it was launched in 1978. For Developmental Neuroscience, any paper that has been cited at least 100 times qualifies as a citation classic. While many of these citation classics essays will be written by one or more of the authors on the original paper, these essays may also be written by former students, colleagues, or anyone who can provide relevant historic details and appropriately evaluate the paper’s impact. If you are interested in writing a citation classic essay, please contact the editor. The essays should be limited to approximately 1,500 words and 10 references. Once published, they will be fully citable and freely available on the journal’s web site (www.karger.com/dne), together with a PDF of the original citation classic. The journal’s editor and editorial board hope that you will find these publications interesting and valuable.

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