Editorial

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The editorial office of *Neuroendocrinology* is working hard to implement its decision to introduce more electronic communication in the operation of the journal. *Neuroendonet*, the new electronic journal, will be launched on the *Internet* during the first quarter of the next year. It will accept manuscripts in the form of short 'Letters to the editor', refereed and made freely available on the server in less than a week. The electronic journal will contain various sections – Negative results, Preliminary data, New (or modified) techniques, Hypotheses and interpretations, and Updated minireviews. It will be possible to quote *Neuroendonet* papers as any published abstract.

The attractiveness of an electronic journal, however, depends upon the availability of associated electronic tools. These will include a forum which will allow electronic readers to discuss data or interpretations of *Neuroendonet* (their comments will be automatically associated to the corresponding manuscripts), and a *Searchnet* facility making it possible to correlate data included in the electronic journal with any published neuroendocrine result available on the net. Searchnet works as a full-text analyzer and is therefore not limited to key word tracking. The electronic journal will be connected to the network as soon as technical testing of *Searchnet* and the forum is completed. *Search-net* (and a few additional forum facilities) will be offered free to the subscribers of *Neuroendocrinology*.

Basic facts on *Neuroendonet* were presented at the International Congress of Endocrinology, San Francisco, in June, 1996.

There is a home page for the journal on the publisher's web site as well: see <http://www.karger.ch/journals/nen/nendes.htm> for additional information and related titles.

In the meantime, our goal of keeping average publication time of manuscripts submitted to *Neuroendocrinology* at under 8 months has been maintained, and the thematic diversification of proposed papers proceeds satisfactorily. Through increased use of *Internet* in the refereeing process of the conventional journal, we expect to bring publication time down to 6 months by the beginning of 1997. We will keep our readership informed this fall about developments in the operation and the impact factor of the journal.