Editorial

As many of our readers know, our journal has been in continuous publication, although under several different titles, since it was founded by Ernest Spiegel as *Confinia Neurologica* in 1938 and I became Editor in 1972. The title was changed to *Applied Neurophysiology* in 1975 and to *Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery* in 1988, to reflect progress and changing emphasis in the field we serve.

We are proud of this long record of providing a forum for the exchange of information in the fields of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery – from its infancy, sparked by interest in functional neurophysiology, through its youth, marked by the advent of human stereotactic neurosurgery for movement disorders, and into today's status as a mature specialty, strengthened and challenged by its happy marriage to computerized imaging techniques and surgical navigation systems.

It is rewarding to look back on the journal's archives and find the history of this exciting and vibrant branch of neurosurgery, but even more exciting are the challenges and opportunities that beckon us in the 21st century.

To assure that our journal continues its role as a voice and forum for stereotactic and functional neurosurgery long into the future, I am delighted to announce that Dr. David W. Roberts has accepted the post of Associate Editor of the journal, effective with this volume. While I plan to continue as Editor for some time to come, I am confident that Dr. Roberts' expertise and input will enhance the journal considerably. His broad background in both technological and biological fields, as well as his vision for the journal, will make certain that we keep pace with the exciting times ahead of us.

I wish to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the retiring members of our Editorial Board who have offered their time

and expertise generously. I am indebted to my friends Bjorn Meyerson, Jan Gybels, Francisco Escobedo, Allan Levin and Eben Alexander III, for their willingness to review manuscripts and for allowing me to draw upon their experience and knowledge over the years. In addition, I must acknowledge that I could not have done my job as Editor without the assistance of Ron Tasker and Lauri Laitinen, both of whom have served on the Board since I became Editor and have been unstinting in their willingness to help with anything I asked of them.

I am also very pleased to welcome Michael Apuzzo, Sang Sup Chung, Rees Cosgrove, Peter Heilbrun, Andres Lozano, Dennis Spencer and Francisco Velasco to the Editorial Board, and to extend my thanks to Lars Augustinsson, Alim Benabid, Kim Burchiel, Bill Friedman, Pat Kelly, Dade Lunsford, Raul Marino, Mario Meglio, Ray Newcombe, Christoph Ostertag, Marc Sindou, David Thomas and Bill Willis for their willingness to continue on the Board.

The past in prologue. Onward to the next millennium.

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