Message from the Editor

Approximately 3 years ago I took over the editorship of *Neuroepidemiology* and it pleases me to see how well the journal has developed since. A parameter confirming this is the impact factor, which has risen to 2.375. The submission rate is also impressive, at the moment averaging 14.5 manuscripts per month. After a review period of around 4 weeks about 25% of the submitted papers are accepted for publication. All going to plan, the accepted manuscript is first published online with its own citation line in 6–8 weeks.

Our aim for 2011 is to significantly raise the quota for high-quality Review and Mini-Review articles as well as Methodology and Editorial papers. However, the Reviews and Methods in *Neuroepidemiology* articles will still be published with free online access. In addition, a thematic issue is planned for publication each year, the first of which will appear in the second half of 2011.

The new online journal *Case Reports in Neurology* presents case reports in that field in a new style of publication.

I would like to inform you of two upcoming meetings that will be taking place in 2012. The Second International Congress on Clinical Neurology and Epidemiology will be held in Seville, Spain, in March 2012, followed in May/June by the ICNE Satellite Symposium in Beijing, China. *Neuroepidemiology* will be providing the platforms for both of these meetings. These conferences will be a good follow-up to the successful First International Congress on Clinical Neurology and Epidemiology, held in Munich in 2009 and published in our journal (online in *Neuroepidemiology* 2009;33:293–295, www.karger.com/doi/10.1159/000252941).

Past and future events cannot be attributed to one person alone. Therefore, my thanks go to the team of Associate Editors which is currently made up of Prof. Ettore Beghi (Milano), Dr. Derrick Bennett (Oxford) and Prof. Giancarlo Logroscino (Bari) as well as to the Editorial Board for their continuous efforts. At this point, I should like to welcome the three new members of the Editorial Board, Profs. Liping Liu and Wenzhi Wang from Beijing and Prof. Peter Rothwell from Oxford. Above all, our thanks go to Alice Theadom who has joined the Editorial Office for extra support.

I look forward to continue working with the entire team of *Neuroepidemiology* in the production of this topical, lively and exciting journal.

Valery L. Feigin, Editor-in-Chief