Message from the Editor

2013 was another very successful year in the history of the journals *Cerebrovascular Diseases* and *Cerebrovascular Diseases Extra*. The number of manuscripts submitted from all around the globe has increased again and the best could be selected thanks to the continuous support from the members of the Editorial Board as well as many ad hoc reviewers. The Editors appreciate their respectful and often detailed comments to authors as well as their recommendations to submit to our sister journal *Cerebrovascular Diseases Extra*, which now includes excellent and important work, often based on smaller numbers of data collection but with high impact of new ideas and hypotheses worth being followed in future investigations. Again we encourage authors to submit short Stroke Notes/Hypotheses/Preliminary Studies directly to *Cerebrovascular Diseases Extra* and make use of a shorter review procedure and earlier online publication.

Highlights of the year were a series of interesting reviews including our new section Methodological Notes, which were developed thanks to the enormous work of S. Ricci from Italy [Cerebrovasc Dis 2013;35:187–193 and Cerebrovasc Dis 2013;36:267–272]; we ask our readership for suggestions and proposals to continue with this informative and educational part of the journal. We also continue with our series on how to improve scientific presentations in journals and for conferences [Cerebrovasc Dis 2013;35:202–208 and 209–212] – this was very helpful for both European Stroke Conferences (ESC) in Lisbon and London, the latter confirming its current top position

in stroke conferences worldwide. Meeting Reports such as from the joint symposium of ESC and BRAIN on translational aspects of stroke research [Cerebrovasc Dis 2013; 36:306–321] strengthen our current attempts to extend the scope of both the conference and the journal with a view to the interdisciplinary character of stroke and to include more contributions from different organisations and research institutes; this includes experimental and basic sciences, cardiology, neurology, epidemiology, interventional and surgical disciplines, imaging and rehabilitation associations, and many others. We can only make significant progress if we learn from each other, irrespective of whether these experiences are promising or disappointing.

Another highlight was the publication of a comparison of stroke guidelines in cooperation with members of the Japanese and European guideline committees for the acute management of ischaemic and haemorrhagic strokes [Cerebrovasc Dis 2013;35:399–401, 402–418 and 419–429] – we gratefully acknowledge the tremendous work our colleagues have done so successfully. The second version of the ASCO phenotyping was published in 2013 [Cerebrovasc Dis 2013;36:1–5] and is now increasingly introduced in randomised controlled trials beyond daily clinical practice.

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