Message from the Editors

The work of the Editorial and Advisory Board members in addition to all the Ad Hoc reviewers listed on the next page is gratefully acknowledged by the editors. Indeed, without the unselfish support of our colleagues it would not have been possible to increase, so remarkably successfully, the scientific standard of the journal from 1999 (impact factor 1.74) to the year 2000 (impact factor 2.95).

During the last decade and since the appearance of the journal *Cerebrovascular Diseases*, 1,009 articles have been published and a total of 4,929 citations are documented; 576 original papers had average citations of 5.4 per paper and 46 reviews had an average of 14.6 citations per paper. We, therefore, welcome original manuscripts of high quality and suggestions for reviews equally. With the continued support of the publishers and the increase of size of the journal in 2001/2002, we hope to further improve the recognition, clinical as well as scientific values of the journal, which already is the leading European stroke journal.

As usual we are particularly grateful to those members who served for years on either the Editorial or Advisory Boards and will now be leaving them: P. Koudstaal, Rotterdam; W. Kuschinsky, Heidelberg; K. Fassbender, Mannheim. We welcome to the Editorial and Advisory Boards, respectively: U. Dirnagl, Berlin; P. Rothwell, Oxford; M. Brown, London; M. Daffertshofer, Mannheim; T. Erkinjuntti, Helsinki; A. Furlan, Cleveland, Ohio; T. Olsen, Copenhagen.

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