Message from the Editor

Since the first volume of *Cerebrovascular Diseases* in 1991, the founding editors Julien Bogousslavsky and myself have annually given out information about the new and exciting developments in clinical stroke research as submitted, reviewed and published in the journal. In cooperation with 8 Associate Editors and 95 scientists who joined the editorial and advisory boards and many more reviewers, the journal has reached a constantly increasing reputation and a steadily growing readership worldwide followed by similarly increasing impact factors as presently taken numerics for high quality and scientific excellence. Julien Bogousslavsky has decided to step down from his position as co-editor of the journal by the end of 2006. The publishers and I want to acknowledge his outstanding contributions and enormous work for the journal based on his extraordinary scientific contributions to the field of clinical stroke research throughout more than a decade. His merits beyond the scope of journal for the benefit of many clinicians, researchers and colleagues now active on international boards and leading positions are obvious. In accordance with the publishers, it has been decided for me to continue as sole editor of *Cerebrovascular Diseases* supported in particular by J.P. Mohr, USA, in his position as Associate Editor with the perspective of presenting another Associate Editor from Asia as soon as possible as the journal has attracted top numbers of submissions from the USA/Canada and Japan/China/Korea throughout 2006. As a consequence, we are pleased to welcome S. Uchiyama (Tokyo), K. Minematsu (Osaka), Y. Katayama (Tokyo) from Japan, X.F. Liu (Nanjing), C.Z. Lu (Shanghai) from China, and J.S. Kim (Seoul) from Korea as new members of the Editorial Board. We greatly appreciate the valuable support and cooperation of all the board members during the last year with nearly doubled manuscript submission rates – without their work and the work of all the ad hoc reviewers listed, the level of quality and prosperity of the journal could not have been reached.

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