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Letter from the Editor

During the past decade, there have been rapid and significant changes in the fields of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery.
The field of stereotactic surgery, in particular, has changed its major concern from the treatment of movement disorders and pain to one of treatment of mass lesions demonstrated by the several imaging techniques that have been wedded to stereotaxis. Technological developments have incorporated interstitial and stereotactically directed external beam irradiation into stereotactic surgery. The greatest advances in the field, and consequently the greatest need to disseminate new information, have taken place in the areas of imaging and computerization of stereotaxis.
As a result, the title of this publication, Applied Neurophysiology, has become too narrow to reflect the information contained herein, even with the recent addition of the subtitle, the Journal of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. This difficulty has been a matter of concern to the Editorial Board and to the organizations served by this publication, the American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, the Japanese Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, and sometimes the European Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.
As a reflection of this significant change in our field, and after much consultation and consideration, the name of this journal will change, beginning next year. The subtitle will be adopted as the official title for publication and indexing.
Beginning with volume 52,1989, this journal will be the Journal of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.
I would like to thank our contributors and subscribers, as well as the publisher, for their interest and support throughout the years, and am looking forward to an even more exciting and productive future, as the fields of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery continue to advance with ever increasing speed.

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