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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

On the occasion of the launch of Translational Neuroscience, we extend a warm welcome to all the readers and authors. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Editorial Board Members for their sustained support to make the launch of this new journal possible. We certainly could not publish an outstanding journal without the extraordinary efforts of our reviewers. The willingness and expertise of the professionals who serve as reviewers are essential to maintaining technical and editorial standards. So it is with great appreciation and gratitude that we express our thanks to each of the peer reviewers whose efforts help to ensure that this journal becomes one of the leading journals in the field of neuroscience.

We would also like to thank the many contributors, whose trust at the very beginning allowed us to move the journal forward. It seems appropriate once more to emphasize the overriding reasons for launching this new journal as well as our aspirations and visions. The aim of this international, peer-reviewed journal is to provide a closer interaction between basic and clinical neuroscientists by publishing original papers that expand our understanding of brain structure, function, and disease, and translate this knowledge into clinical applications and novel therapies of nervous system disorders. Review articles are also encouraged and sometimes invited, as well as constructive and interesting correspondence.

We believe that Translational Neuroscience meets a real need of the scientific community. We wish also to assist in promoting the high quality scientific achievements and intellectual input from scientists in countries where access to the most advanced techniques of modern scientific publications remains limited. While we are particularly focused on Central and Eastern European research, we invite authors from all over the globe to contribute to the new journal.

We will ensure the state-of-the-art benefits of modern electronic publishing, with fast-track publication of individual articles even before they are included in a complete issue. We propose a wide thematic scope including all areas of neuroscience knowing that these days any single published scientific article becomes an influential piece of work in global scientific information networks and should be appropriately promoted in its environment. Reference linking to cited papers will increase usage and make the journal more attractive in a more and more competitive environment.

We believe that we will soon receive a growing number of quality research papers from our authors around the world and that Translational Neuroscience will expand in the near future. We will be able to accommodate a steady influx of manuscripts assuring progress, high quality, and success. We look forward to a successful and rewarding first year of the journal as Editors-in-Chief and welcome all comments or suggestions you might have on how we can continue to improve our journal.

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