

Letter from the editor

Dear Colleague:

The organizational meeting for the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN) was held in 1970, the Society founded in 1971, and its first scientific meeting held in Tokyo in 1972. At that time, it was decided that we should proceed to structure the format for an official journal for the ISPN. This was done and *Child's Brain* was chosen by us as the title for our official journal. In 1975, the first issue of *Child's Brain* was published. Our editorial board has remained truly international in representation, thus providing balance to the attraction and selection of scientific contributions. We have also added editors representing the fields of neurology, neuroradiology, neuropathology, genetics, immunology, teratology, and oncology to our editorial board, with the hope that this would make available to the pediatric neurosurgeon the most recent advances in the basic science and clinical aspects of these highly specialized areas.

The success of *Child's Brain* has been both satisfactory and rewarding, with the number of high-quality papers submitted for consideration increasing each year and the subscription rate expanding at almost an equal pace. All of this was possible because *Child's Brain* remained firmly under the direction of pediatric neurosurgeons within the structure of the ISPN, thus guaranteeing scientific perspective and academic goals.

Serious philosophical differences arose between the former publisher and the ISPN concerning the publication schedule, mailing dates of individual issues, charges for extra pages, steady increases in the subscription rate and, lastly, the selection of editors. Since these differences could not be resolved (negotiations proceeded over a period of approximately two years), the ISPN terminated its publication agreement for *Child's Brain* as of December 31, 1984.

As of January 1985, Springer-Verlag started to publish *Child's Nervous System*. This is now the official publication of the ISPN. Members of the ISPN will be mailed *Child's Nervous System*, beginning with Volume 1, Number 1, 1985. The secretary-treasurer of the ISPN will write members concerning subscription rates and annual dues.

The aims and scope of *Child's Nervous System* have been expanded considerably, in light of the fact that pediatric neurosurgery is now an established specialty area within neurological surgery, which necessitates the complete exchange of recent scientific facts and concepts with other pediatric specialties in particular and the full range of neurosurgery in general. In addition to this, geographic associate editors have been appointed representing Africa and the Middle East, Asia and Australasia, Europe, Latin America, and the United States and Canada. This will greatly facilitate the receipt, evaluation, and publication of

articles, assuring each geographic area of the world equal representation on the editorial board and expeditious consideration of manuscripts. The associate editors will select advisory editors to assist them in evaluating manuscripts.

Springer-Verlag has started to produce our official journal – *Child's Nervous System* – with great enthusiasm, putting at our disposal personnel and facilities to assist us in expediting publication, facilitating layout, marketing *Child's Nervous System*, and adapting readily to changes in our field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony J. Raimondi".

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