

Introduction

Journal of Parkinson's Disease

These are exciting times for Parkinson's disease research. Recent years have seen great progress, with the revolutions in genomics and molecular biology yielding burgeoning advances in understanding pathogenesis, such as the identification of growing numbers of genetic loci associated with inherited forms of Parkinson's disease, and links between their gene products and neuronal functions. In turn, these advances have sign-posted potential future treatments such as strategies that interfere with LRRK2 activity or aberrant handling of α -synuclein. Epidemiology also continues to turn up clues regarding potential environmental triggers for the disease. Finally, we have never had such variety and breadth of clinical trials on all aspects of Parkinson's disease, making this one of the most translational periods in our history. Such a wealth of promising research deserves a forum, and as Editors-in-Chief, we are delighted to announce the launch of the *Journal of Parkinson's Disease* (www.journalofparkinsonsdisease.com), a new high-quality journal giving equal weight to original research in basic science, translational research and clinical studies.

The *Journal of Parkinson's Disease* has attracted support from a truly outstanding international Editorial Board http://www.journalofparkinsonsdisease.com/JPD/Editorial_Board.html. Indeed, we believe that the quality of this Board bodes extremely well for the success of the journal given that so many outstanding scientists have been willing to participate.

The launch issue features an article on the top 100 cited researchers in Parkinson's disease over the past 25 years, and a separate list for the new millennium. Also, a piece by Professor Niall Quinn describes how many of the researchers featured in the top 100 for the past 25 years helped give birth to the modern era of Parkinson's disease research. As you might expect there is also an impressive line-up of research articles and reviews. In addition, the *Journal of Parkinson's Disease* will publish research reports, reviews, short communications, and letters-to-the-editor. All articles will be published both online and in print. Moreover, it offers rapid publication with an affordable open access option.

We are confident that the *Journal of Parkinson's Disease* will serve the community well and will advance the frontiers of Parkinson's Disease research in the coming years and decades.

Best wishes

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