

## Editorial

# Celebrating 30 years of *NeuroRehabilitation*

In 2021 *NeuroRehabilitation* (NRE) celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and there was much to celebrate. The journal is spearheaded by its internationally renowned Editors-in-Chief Nathan D. Zasler, MD, and Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, PhD, and is supported by the Managing Editor Melissa Oliver, as well as an excellent multidisciplinary editorial board. In its 30-year history the journal has seen several great achievements. Possibly the most important of these is pioneering an interdisciplinary approach, reflecting the belief of the Editors-in-Chief that the most effective rehabilitation is for multiple disciplines to serve patients' needs in a coordinated fashion, which has helped transform care in this vitally important and highly challenging field.

In support of this aim, NRE has published over 100 extremely valuable thematic issues on a variety of topics (for the full list, see: <https://iospress.com/nre-special-issues>). The journal's Impact Factor has also continued its upward trajectory and is currently 2.138, according to Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate, 2021). Since 2018, NRE and Cochrane Rehabilitation have been affiliated with the aim of improving evidence-based neurorehabilitation practice, through the section in NRE called Cochrane Corners. Each issue contains a summary of Cochrane Reviews and accompanying commentaries that are exclusive to NRE (for the full list, see: <https://iospress.com/nre-cochrane-corners>).

Below you'll find the pictures of the editorial team, as well as an interview with the Editors-in-Chief, which we hope gives the reader an interesting insight into NRE's past, present, and future.

We would like to thank the Editors-in-Chief for their dedication and enormous amount of time and effort spent to make the journal a success. We furthermore would like to thank all authors, editorial board members, reviewers, and readers for their contribu-

tions to and support of the journal over the years. We look forward to the next 30 years and appreciate your continuing support for the journal, which makes us optimistic that the fortunes of the journal will continue to grow.

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### Interview with the Editors-in-Chief

*Given the competitive nature of publishing, what was the rationale for launching the journal 30 years ago?*

Research on rehabilitation was increasing and most existing publications focused on acute care medical concerns. Professionals, patients, and their families recognized the limits of ongoing neurorehabilitation practice and raised concerns about the efficacy of current treatments. NRE was designed to guide clinical practice via empirical research and keep clinicians aware of the latest evidence-based practice in neurorehabilitation through both original research and thematic issues guest edited by leaders in the field.

*What is the greatest challenge faced by the journal?*

NRE publishes manuscripts that address a wide variety of medical and psychosocial issues. Finding peer reviewers with relevant expertise who can turn around constructive reviews in a short time-period can be a significant challenge.

### Editorial office



From left to right: Nathan D. Zasler, MD, Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, PhD, and Melissa Oliver

69 *What is unique about the journal's peer review*  
70 *process?*

71 All manuscripts undergo initial screening by either  
72 the Editors-in-Chief or Associate Editors and are peer  
73 reviewed by at least two experts.

74 *What makes NRE an ideal repository for high*  
75 *quality papers in the interdisciplinary and*  
76 *multidisciplinary field of neurorehabilitation?*

77 We are most grateful to have an accomplished and  
78 active editorial board and multitude/large number of  
79 reviewers who offer critically constructive feedback.  
80 The review process gives authors an opportunity to  
81 improve the quality of their work and ultimately the  
82 reputation of the journal.

83 *How has NRE distinguished itself from other*  
84 *journals in the field?*

85 NRE has focused on topics relevant to interdis-  
86 ciplinary practice. For example, some of the thematic  
87 topics have included chronic pain, vegetative state,  
88 telerehabilitation, electrical injuries, hypoxic ische-  
89 mic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, and cognitive  
90 prosthetic systems.

*What are the most important accomplishments of*  
*the past 10 years?*

The journal has published manuscripts relevant  
to a broad readership with cutting edge information  
directly translatable to clinical practice. Additionally,  
the journal has become a repository for important  
clinical information pertinent to the practice of neu-  
rorehabilitation regardless of one's specialty. Lastly,  
the success of the journal can be measured to a great  
extent by the broad international representation of  
authors and further affirmed by a continued upward  
trend of the journal's Impact Factor.

*What is the journal's goal for the next 10 years*  
*and beyond?*

The primary goal is to provide empirically based  
information relevant to an interdisciplinary group of  
readers. Ultimately, our goal is to continue to be a  
source of the best information on current neuroreha-  
bilitation science and practice in order to provide a  
more comprehensive foundation for the field at large.

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