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From the Editor

This issue contains selected proceedings from the American Academy of Pain Medicine's 1996 Review Course in Pain Medicine and the 12th Annual Conference. The Guest Editors of this issue are the chairmen from these two programs, Edward Covington, MD, and Richard Linchitz, MD.

In addition to the proceedings, we have also included the first installment of proceedings of a workshop convened by the France-USA Pain Association on Pain in HIV/AIDS. This issue contains the first chapter of the book that came out of these proceedings and is entitled 'Origins of Pain in HIV/AIDS.' We feel the topic of pain and HIV/AIDS is an important one and hope you will find the reproduction of these proceedings useful. Additional chapters will be published in future issues of the Journal.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions on this and other issues of the Journal.

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