

# NeuroRehabilitation 20th Anniversary

## Introduction

In the late 1980's, we first developed the idea of publishing an international, interdisciplinary, thematic journal in the field of neurological rehabilitation. We noticed a proliferation of rehabilitation programs and, at the same time, clinicians were thirsting for information on evidence-based practice. *NeuroRehabilitation* was born from the concept that well informed clinicians would implement more effective practices, benefiting the lives of patients as well as their caregivers.

The interdisciplinary focus of the journal reflected the editors' belief that rehabilitation is most effective when multiple disciplines serve patients in a coordinated fashion. The journal's editorial board remains multidisciplinary and has included physiatrists, physical and occupational therapists, neuropsychologists and psychologists, attorneys, nurses, social workers, neurologists, and psychiatrists. Our board has also included professionals with expertise in pediatric and adult clinical care and research.

*NeuroRehabilitation* began as a quarterly journal and (Volume 1, Number 1) was first published in February 1991. We were very fortunate to have Jenny Marwitz come on board as our Technical Editor. Jenny was instrumental to the early success of the journal and continues to occasionally advise us in developing new products and publications. The first issue of *NeuroRehabilitation* focused on neuropharmacology and contained articles on basic principles of neuropharmacology, pharmacologic treatment of pediatric rehabilitation, ethicolegal issues and management of spasticity. Later issues in the first volume focused on family outcome and intervention, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury.

Substantial progress has been made in understanding recovery and the practice of rehabilitation over the last twenty years and the journal has progressed accordingly. To accommodate an increasing number of manuscript submissions and readers' thirst for knowledge, *NeuroRehabilitation* is now published eight times

each year. We still publish thematic issues. For example, recent issues have focused on military traumatic brain injury and blast, international perspectives on caregiving, and hypoxic-ischemic brain injury. As the field has evolved and to encourage publication diversity, several issues each year are now primarily comprised of independently submitted original manuscripts focused on a wide variety of neurorehabilitation topics.

To celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> publication anniversary we have decided to feature one special article in each of the eight upcoming issues of the journal. The articles, written by exceptional authors in the field, will include manuscripts on neuroimaging, mild traumatic brain injury, blast injuries, pediatric brain injury, advances in disorders of consciousness, and substance abuse. We expect that you will find these articles and the accompanying issues to be highly informative, relevant, and useful.

We enthusiastically express our gratitude to Marion Lilley and our publishers at IOS Press for continuing to work with us and helping us produce an exceptional journal. Our sincere thanks is extended to our current managing editor, Melissa Oliver, who has been on board since 2006 and helps make certain that every issue is exceptional and published on time. Before Melissa came on board, Stephanie Kolakowsy-Hayner and Debbie West also served as technical editors and our utmost gratitude is extended to both. We are most grateful for the efforts of our esteemed Editorial Board members, representing many countries and continents. We are thankful for the continuing efforts of our ad hoc reviewers who help us maintain our goal of publishing high quality manuscripts in a timely fashion. We are also grateful to the many authors who have chosen to publish their work in our journal.

Our first twenty years seems to have passed very quickly. We are pleased to have received very favorable feedback from our readers about the quality of material presented in *NeuroRehabilitation*. Still, there are many

unanswered questions in the rehabilitation field and there is much work to be done. We look forward to the next twenty years and appreciate your continuing interest in the journal.

*Editors-in-Chief*

Nathan D. Zasler  
Jeffrey S. Kreutzer