

A brief evaluation of Neuroanatomy [2006]

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To our readers,

As Editor of NEUROANATOMY, it gives me pride to announce that our journal which started out with an amateur spirit in 2002 is preparing to publish its fifth volume.

I gladly accepted to write the editorial for 2006. Considering the past five years, I will try to objectively evaluate the achievements and failures of the Journal, without referring to the technical details which have been discussed previously.

I truly believe that the most important accomplishment has been the decision of publishing the journal. This is an important indicator that a success can be reached on international scale with restricted means. Our main course of motivation was a wish to print genuine science and document these scientists for future generations, a task which we have tried to carry out with a small editorial office and a restricted budget. Moreover, I think that the most exciting part was that the discipline in which we decided to proceed was one of the main fields of neuroscience: neuroanatomy.

In retrospect, supplements excluded, today we are looking at a total of about 250 pages and 80 articles. Most of these articles came from different countries, showing the international dimension of the journal. We heartily thank all authors for their contributions and believe that these participations will continue to expand in the future. We believe that the success of our journal will be the success of our authors.

I believe that an Editor's primary task is to evaluate whether or not the material is scientifically deceptive. The scientific value of an article may not be very high, its contents may be subject to discussion, but scientific hoax is unacceptable. Ever since day one, we have made it a strict principle to adhere to this rule.

As our readers know, NEUROANATOMY is an 'open access' journal which is free of charge. Additionally, authors are not requested to pay for publication. As a result of this policy, the Journal has limited financial resources. Due to restricted number of personnel, evaluation of the large number of scientific material is sometimes delayed. This problem which was not conspicuous at the beginning, started becoming noticeable as the number of submissions increased. We hope to solve this difficulty shortly and apologize to authors who have been affected by this setback.

As in the past I wish to conclude this Editorial by thanking all our readers and who have added so much to the success of our journal.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all the scientists who have participated in the publication of this volume: to all the authors who have sent their papers, to the referees who have evaluated them, to our Editors and to all the members of our publication and advisory boards who have made it possible to create this volume.

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I wish all our readers and their families a Happy New Year.

Hoping for 'Peace at Home, Peace in the World' in 2007.

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Editor