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It is with great pride and pleasure that we present the second Volume of Neuroanatomy.

Neuroanatomy's first volume was published in 2002. As in Volume 1, the present journal consists of the material which was forwarded to us throughout the year and previously printed online in the journal's web site. In summary, all the articles printed in 2003 in electronic media, with their page numbers and contents identically preserved, have been collected and documented as Volume 2 and printed in December 2003.

We believe that it would only be fair to mention the success of our web site in 2003, which has made it possible for our readers to reach us easily and free of charge.

Our accreditation by HON (<http://www.hon.ch>), an organisation which assessed whether scientific contents in the net published through the <http://www.neuroanatomy.org> address, fully printed and free of charge abide with ethical values, has been of special importance to us.

Next, our web site has been awarded the Golden Web Awards by an international organisation which evaluates applicant sites with webmaster votes (<http://www.goldenwebawards.com/cgi-bin/search.cgi>).

Last but not least, our most outstanding success was the listing of the journal's web site as the first in its own category (anatomy journals) by Alexa.com. This is a joint creation of Amazon.com and Google.com which categorically analyzes and compares sites within the same category from the point of view of being the most popular. Neuroanatomy is visited more than any other anatomy journal listed in the SCI. We believe this is not a coincidence! Web pages showing this fact are given at the back of the journal.

We owe this achievement to our readers who can be expressed today in terms of tens of thousands. Our gratitude goes to the group - those readers who made us what we are - wishing them all the best for 2004.

One of our main undertakings is to help pass neuroanatomy which was in a way first defined by Herophilus - who lived in Chalcedon, today's Kadikoy in Istanbul - onto future generations [1]. Within this context, we aim to focus on all available local historical data concerning the subject, by bringing it to light and to share it with the universal scientific community. This project of ours will be extended onto future years. An example has been printed in the next page, showing an original drawing taken from the book Hamse-i Sanizade [2, 3] by Mehmet Ataullah written in the 1820's during the Ottoman era. We express our special thanks to our editor Professor Dogan Aksit who has kindly given permission for the printing of this original material.

Two other sections have been added to our journal this year. The first section comprises a book review of Dr. Andrew Laitin's "The Limbic Brain" commented by our Associate Editor A. Beliz Tascioglu, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anatomy. We thank Dr. Laitin for this opportunity. We would like to notify our readers that we welcome similar submissions.

The second section is concerned with Announcements. All notices which you think are relevant to the framework of this journal can be sent to the [announcement@neuroanatomy.org](mailto:announcement@neuroanatomy.org) address for publication.

We wish to thank with gratitude all authors who have contributed with their papers, our referees who have evaluated the submitted materials and the members of our Editorial Board for their valuable criticisms. We wish you all a Happy New Year!



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