

The International Tinnitus Journal - Projection to the Future; Transfer of Ownership 2010

It is with excitement and expectations for the future that we announce the continuity of the ITJ. Specifically, the transfer of ownership of the ITJ from the Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Foundation (METRC) and the Neurologischen Forschungsinstitut der Vier G-F (4GF), to the Association of Otorhinolaryngology of the Federal District, located in Brasilia, Brazil.

Since the establishment of the ITJ in 1995, we have planned for a continuity of the ITJ into the future. The ultimate goal has always been to continue in perpetuity, to maintain the goals as originally set forth in the initial issue of the ITJ, the first peer reviewed journal dedicated to the symptom of tinnitus. The timing of this transfer has been influenced by the realities of the international economic crisis and how it has affected our Foundations. This transfer will secure the continued research efforts of both of our Foundations.

Our search for continuity of the ITJ has chosen the next Chief Editor of the ITJ to be our esteemed colleague and friend, Prof. Carlos Augusto Costa Pires de Oliveira, M.D., PhD., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology HNS of the University of Brasilia. Together with Dr. Marcio Nakanishi of the Association of Otorhinolaryngology of the Federal District, located in Brasilia, Brazil, a staff has been selected to resume publication of the ITJ, Vol. 16, Nº 1 in Fall 2010.

Prof. Carlos Augusto Costa Pires de Oliveira, M.D., PhD., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology HNS of the University of Brasilia, has gained international respect and recognition for his expertise in Otolaryngology and focus both as a clinician, as well as a teacher and a basic scientist, in Otolaryngology-Neurotology. His ongoing interest and leadership for the symptom of tinnitus resulted in the first tinnitus meeting in Brasilia in 1984, the development of a team effort dedicated to tinnitus clinical and basic science research, and resultant numerous tinnitus presentations and publications. His clinical interests are highlighted by a focus on the molecular genetics of sensorineural hearing loss and tinnitus. In 2010, he is currently the President elect of the International Otopathology Society (a.k.a Schuknecht Society). His contributions to Otolaryngology - Otolaryngology-Neurotology and the new discipline of Tinnitology eminently qualify him for Chief editor of the ITJ.

We look forward with confidence to the leadership of Prof. Carlos Oliveira for the future of the ITJ and contributions to Tinnitology for the ultimate benefit of the tinnitus patient. Together with his staff, the past tradition of excellence of the ITJ over the past 15 years will not only continue, but will be exceeded in the future. This

will include plans for an electronic format of the ITJ, and continued attraction of all tinnitus professionals to the ITJ for publication of their manuscripts. The ITJ continues to be the official journal of the NeuroEquilibrimetric Society (NES), of which Prof. Carlos Augusto Costa Pires de Oliveira, M.D., PhD. is a member.

We appreciate the honor extended to us to be Editors Emeriti for the ITJ and look forward to working together with Prof. Carlos Oliveira and his team for the achievement of advances in Tinnitology for the ultimate benefit of the tinnitus patient.

Deep appreciation is acknowledged for grants to our Foundations. Of special mention is Robert Entenmann. His ongoing support assured the publication of the ITJ for the past 15 years. He has demonstrated a devotion to his interest in tinnitus, supported not only by his grants, but respect for the challenges presented by the symptom of tinnitus to both grantor and grantee, who attempt to understand basic science mechanisms of tinnitus production, and clinical attempts for its diagnosis and treatment.

We consider our Editing staff, Philip van Tongeren, and Managing Editor Lois B Hall to be responsible for the excellence of the quality of the publication of the ITJ over the past 15 years.

The excellence of the publication has been acknowledged by our colleagues worldwide. This is a reflection of their sharing with us their experience in the publication of scientific manuscripts, and editorial expertise for manuscript preparation. We have recommended your continued association with the ITJ to Prof. Carlos Oliveira and his team.

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At this time of transfer of the ITJ, a time of mixed emotions, we wish Prof. Carlos Oliveira and his team good health and the achievement of the goals you have set for the ITJ. We share the mutual goal of achieving a cure for all clinical type(s) of tinnitus.

We share the comments of William James, which summarize so clearly what we recommend to be the continued goal of the ITJ: "Science, like life, feeds on its own decay. New facts burst old rules; then newly defined conceptions bind old and new together into a reconciling law".

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