
EDITORIAL

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This issue of the *International Tinnitus Journal (ITJ)*, volume 6, no. 1, marks:

- The first edition of *ITJ* in the new millennium, year 2000
- The fifth anniversary of publication of *ITJ*
- Celebration of the sixtieth birthday of our co-chief editor Claus F. Claussen, MD
- *ITJ*'s acceptance for reference in *Index Medicus/MEDLINE* (November 1999)
- The Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Neurotological and Equilibriometric Society (NES), Anaheim, CA, June 12–16, and at the Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn, State University of New York, June 29, 1999

The honored guest of the twenty-sixth NES meeting was our co-chief editor Claus F. Claussen, who celebrated his sixtieth birthday. The meeting, the transactions of which appear in this issue and will be completed in subsequent issues, reflects advances taking place in neurotology and subdisciplines of vestibulology and tinnitology.

In this issue, articles addressing vestibular testing and diagnosis reflect the increasing diagnostic value of evaluating the status of the vestibular system in tinnitus patients. The significance of inclusion of the vestibular examination in evaluating the tinnitus patient, most recently supported by brain mapping techniques, is the basis for the decision by the co-chief editors of *ITJ* to include in this periodical reports of both clinical and research efforts emphasizing the vestibular system.

Special to this issue is the publication of articles on spectral analysis of electroencephalographic data in tinnitus patients. Such basic science and clinical research will, in the future, provide an objective method for the electrophysiological identification of different central types of tinnitus.

The surgical technique of intratympanic drug ther-

apy for attempting tinnitus control is evolving. Increasingly, articles will be published that reflect this experience world-wide. Experiences with drug selection, drug delivery systems, and results will be reported. In the future, *ITJ* will publish the transcripts of presentations made at meetings sponsored by the NES and the Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Center, Inc. Manuscripts from other meetings, both national and international, will also be researched and presented for our readers.

Expectations for the tinnitus patient for both diagnosis and treatment that were shared with our readers in a previous issue [*ITJ* 5(1), 1999] are being realized and reflected in this issue of *ITJ*. Neuroimaging techniques of both single-photon emission computed tomography and positron emission tomography are providing improvements in tinnitus diagnosis and treatment. One such recent finding of perfusion abnormalities in the cerebellum was reported in *ITJ*. Other investigators are encouraged to share their experiences with our readers.

Please note that the new Web site for the *ITJ* since January 1, 2000, is www.tinnitusjournal.com. We have no affiliation or connection with the present occupant of the Web site www.tinnitus.com.

Finally, the co-chief editors and staff of *ITJ* are pleased to announce that *ITJ* now is referenced in *Index Medicus/MEDLINE*. Approval was received in November 1999. We thank our readers, authors, and staff, who have contributed to the success of *ITJ*. It is by the continued input from our readers and contributors that we look forward to constant growth and development of *ITJ*.

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