
EDITORIAL

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This issue of *The International Tinnitus Journal* (ITJ), Volume 5, No. 2, 1999 marks the 5th Anniversary of its publication and world-wide distribution.

Since 1995 the ITJ has attempted to achieve the goals it has set since its founding. We, as Co-Chief Editors, Claus F. Claussen, M.D., Barbara Goldstein, Ph.D. and Abraham Shulman, M.D., have, with our Associate Editors and Editorial Board attempted to provide to readers, both professionals and tinnitus patients, state-of-the-art information for the symptom of tinnitus. We are pleased that this effort has been recognized by a daily growing increase in paid subscriptions as well as international acceptance. This has been marked by ITJ being referenced in Elsevier (EMBASE); Chemical Abstracts (CAS); and since November 1999 by Index Medicus/Medline. This recognition is considered to be that of a team effort to which our readers have played a significant role. All positive comments and criticisms have been respected and have contributed to the growth of the ITJ.

As we approach the end of the millennium and reach the year 2000, ITJ stands in the unique position of being the first peer review journal dedicated to the symptom of tinnitus. Its contributors, represented by researchers and clinicians in the basic sciences as well as that of clinical medicine have provided our readers with a source of state-of-the-art information for patient care for increased accuracy in the diagnosis and treatment of tinnitus.

Plans for the future have been set in order to assure continued excellence and continuity. With this goal in mind, Michael D. Seidman, M.D., a young, vital, and

dynamic academician, clinician, and researcher has agreed to accept the position of Co-Chief Editor of ITJ. He brings with him a track record in basic science, clinical research and patient care which has already benefited the tinnitus patient. As a clinician trained in Otolaryngology and the sub-specialty of Neurotology/Otology, having clinical surgical training as well as a background in nutrition he will provide to the readers of ITJ an expertise for the attraction and evaluation of manuscripts which will have an ultimate benefit for the tinnitus patient. The Associate Editors as well as Editorial Board reflect by its international character the thrust of ITJ. Of special mention are the contributions of Dudley Weider, Ellis Douek, Jean-Marie Aran, Dieter Schneider, Jose Carlos Seabra, Carlos Oliveira, Luis Lavinsky, Ales Hahn, Philip van Tongeren of Woodland Publications, Inc., and Editor Lois Hall.

For format, the development of an electronic means of communication is planned. This will facilitate exchange of information between authors and readers as well as investigators. The increased number of excellent manuscripts which have been received will lead to an eventual increase in the number of issues published per year.

Upcoming issues of ITJ will include publication of original manuscripts as well as transactions of meetings devoted to tinnitus. Manuscripts already received and accepted for publication include topics such as the clinical application of neurotransmitter function for tinnitus treatment; clinical application of neuroprotective drug therapies for attempting tinnitus control; results of tinnitus retraining therapy; evaluation and treatment of whiplash injuries and the symptom of tinnitus; discussion of different clinical types of tinnitus focusing on the psychomotor component of tinnitus and a myogenic tinnitus; increasing presentations of findings in tinnitus patients using nuclear medicine imaging techniques; increasing reports of surgical approaches for attempting tinnitus control; results of new instrumentation includ-

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ing electrical stimulation developed for attempting tinnitus control; the role of craniocorpography for both diagnosis and treatment of tinnitus; increasing reports of the basic science and clinical application of what is known of ginkgo biloba for tinnitus treatment; competitive kinesthetic interaction for tinnitus treatment; and the vestibular evoked response for diagnosis and monitoring of therapy for attempting tinnitus control.

Within the past five years tinnitus clinics, in increasing numbers, have been established world-wide. Our readers can expect reports from new clinics established in Brazil, Prague, Portugal, Japan, Korea and in cities throughout the USA.

An open invitation is extended to all who are interested to mark their calendars for the 28th Annual Meeting of the Neuroequilibrimetric Society (NES) which

will take place in Bad Kissingen, Germany, March 23–26, 1999.

We approach the new millennium, as mentioned in the last ITJ Editorial, with great expectations. At this, the end of an old millennium and the start of a new one, we approach the future with hopes and expectations for an increased understanding of the basic science underlying the symptom of tinnitus and its application for treatment to achieve the goal that we share in common, namely a cure for all clinical types of tinnitus.

We thank you our readers for your support which has contributed so greatly to our success.

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