

Editorial

JMNI - An antidote against scientific communication disorders

This issue of JMNI marks the transition to a new editorial team. With the start of the year, Web Jee has been promoted to the post of editor emeritus and I have taken over his previous job as JMNI's North American co-editor. The European co-editor position remains in the trusted hands of George Lyritis. Since JMNI was founded in 2000, Web has been a guardian of the scientific quality of the journal. Thanks to his tremendous status in the scientific community, he was able to secure contributions from many of the best-known researchers in the field. Without Web's tireless activity JMNI certainly would not exist today. I hope that we will continue to benefit from his insights in the future.

The transformation of JMNI is progressing apace. A new JMNI board has been selected. The names of all board members can be found on the journal website (<http://www.ismni.org/jmni/index.htm>). A web-based manuscript submission system has been established and is open for business at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jmni>. Manuscript will be handled by one of the co-editors, who are supported in this task by a team of Associate Editors.

Since the June 2008 issue, JMNI has become an online-only journal. This speeds up the time between acceptance of a manuscript and its publication. It will also allow implementing new features, such as highlighting frequently accessed papers. In PubMed, all JMNI abstracts now feature an icon that directly leads to the full text article on the JMNI website. An upgrade of the journal website is in preparation. JMNI remains committed to its open access policy.

"Journal of Musculoskeletal and Neuronal Interactions" is quite a mouthful but behind the lengthy name there is a scientific area with tremendous growth potential. Researchers from many academic fields are working on neuro-musculo-skeletal interactions, sometimes without realizing it, and often not interconnecting well. This is where JMNI can play a useful role.

JMNI is meant to be an antidote against scientific communication disorders. It should bring together the different perspectives of people who think they do research in biomechanics, endocrinology, exercise physiology, kinesiology, nephrology, neurology, occupational therapy, oncology, orthopedics, physiatry, physiotherapy, rehabilitation science, rheumatology, space science, sports medicine, veterinary science (to name but a few in alphabetical order) but who in fact all do neuro-musculo-skeletal interactions.

What kind of papers does JMNI want to publish? JMNI papers should ideally contain information on muscle-and-bone or nerve-and-bone. Manuscripts that consider mechanical effects on the skeleton also fit in very well. Papers can deal with clinical, translational or basic science topics. I realize that it will take some time until JMNI competes with the New England Journal and Cell. Until then, JMNI wants to publish articles that lead to those big breakthrough papers a few years down the line.

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