

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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Four years have passed since the responsibility to edit Acta Neurologica Belgica was given to me. I am looking back at these 4 years with a sense of satisfaction because our Journal has done quite well and because several goals we put forward have been reached.

The number of scientific societies that adopt Acta Neurologica Belgica as their official Journal has grown from 5 to 7. The Belgian Pediatric Neurology Society and the Belgian Stroke Council are now associate members, thereby broadening the scope of the Journal. Acta Neurologica Belgica has been listed in the International Scientific Citation Index (ISCI) for many years and is proud to be the only Belgian medical journal that is listed in the ISCI. The Impact Factor of our Journal has risen from 0.226 in 1998 to 0.697 in 2000, which means that the quality of the papers has been excellent and that the visibility of our Journal continues to increase. The success of Acta Neurologica Belgica is an accomplishment of the editorial team and the authors who selected our Journal to address their manuscripts to. I would like to very sincerely thank the Associate Editor, Prof. Dr. P. P. De Deyn, and the members of the Advisory Board of our Journal, Dr. D. Deleu, Prof. Dr. L. De Meirleir, Dr.

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In 2000, the website of the Belgian Neurological Society has become operational and the contents of Acta Neurologica Belgica are available now online, a feature which certainly will improve the availability of our Journal to the readership.

In 1998, the Royal Association of Belgian Medical Scientific Societies created the Acta Medica Belgica Prize, an annual award for the 2 best papers published in the 7 Belgian medical journals that are part of Acta Medica Belgica. Twice the award was given to a paper published in Acta Neurologica Belgica.

Prof. Dr. P. Boon has been appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief. The fate of our Journal lies in his hands for the next 4 years. I wish him the best of luck with the difficult but gratifying task of building the future of our Journal.

Prof. Dr. Peter VAN DEN BERGH.

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