

Editorial

□ A message from the SNO President

Innovation is a thought activity that perfects a process by elevating the current level of know-how, and thereby improves the quality of life. Innovation is a change that generates human progress; it produces values and results that are always positive, never negative (*it.wikipedia.org*).

Innovation is vital

This is particularly true in the field of neuroscience, in which the pace of scientific discovery and technical progress in recent decades has been so great that the state-of-the-art today is already being consigned to history.

The SNO (*Società di Neuroscienze Ospedaliere, the Italian Society of Hospital Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, Neuroradiologists, Neuroanaesthesiologists, Neuroriabilitazionisti and specialists of other neuroscientific disciplines*), which by its very nature welcomes all specialists in the neurosciences, without reservation, has grasped the need for innovation in both its organizational structure and its mission to be a central player and leader in the field.

An essential tool for communication in such a vast and multidisciplinary arena still remains today the scientific periodical, in both its traditional paper format and its modern digital incarnation. Hence, the long-established SNO has decided to restyle its official journal, which has now become *Progress in Neuroscience* (PiN), to improve its usefulness as a point of reference for scientific updating and exchange of information.

For the moment, we will continue to publish PiN in paper form as well as on-line, as like myself, several among us (our more “senior” members, I fear...) are still attached to the feel of the printed page, a pleasure that the web cannot transmit.

To guarantee you are kept up to date, each edition of PiN will thoroughly investigate a different theme, featuring contributions in the form of original articles, reviews, case reports, technical notes and basic and applied research. It will also regularly feature columns on topics such as *management and health*, and *neuroscience and the law*, or an international book or other media events, edited by an international expert on the topic in question. There will also be space for a section dedicated to the history of neuroscience, as well as incursions into less canonical territories such as neuroaesthetics.

It will guarantee participations of our young clinicians and researchers, who have most to gain from an opportunity for learning, communication and comparison.

The scientific direction of the journal has been entrusted to an international multidisciplinary Board, who are themselves living examples of the value of the Italian school of neuroscientists; in fact, both *Alessandro Olivi* (Scientific Editor-in Chief of our journal and resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore) and *Donatella Tampieri* (PiN Associate Editor of Neuroradiology and resident at Montreal Neurological Hospital and Institute) were trained in Italy and have made their presence felt beyond the borders of our fair country. These illustrious figures are supported by *Franco Servadei* (PiN Associate Editor of

Neurosurgery and Chair of the Italian Society of Neurosurgery) and *Giovanni Buccino* (PiN Associate Editor of Neurology), who represent an iron-clad guarantee of scientific and methodological rigour in the clinical and basic research presented.

This “0th edition” of PiN is styled as a “calling card” for the new journal, and I hope that on your desks it will serve as a reminder of this new reality.

Although it is only the first issue, its inception is not a recent event; it was conceived and promoted by the former SNO presidency, it has been concretized by the Board now in office, and will, I am sure, be sup-

ported and amplified by future generations of the SNO.

For this reason, in the spirit of continuity and necessary innovation, all members, past, present and future, rather than any particular individual, deserve recognition for the success of this cultural point of reference, *Progress in Neuroscience*.



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