

Changes and new features for our readers

The Swiss Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry can look back on a long tradition. First published in 1917, this journal has always provided a common platform for neurology and psychiatry and represented the scientific organ for both specialities in Switzerland. The SANP has presented the two specialities in all their clinical breadth, and thus provided a voice for the manifold scientific approaches they involve. For us it is an important task to uphold this tradition and assist in its continuing development. Part of this further development are the changes figuring in the SANP from the present issue onwards.

Traditionally neurological and psychiatric articles have been published in separate volumes. In 2002, however, the editors decided to start a combined neurological and psychiatric issue appearing once a year in December and dedicated to a theme of interest to both neurologists and psychiatrists. As this feature has been very successful, we decided to move a step further, and neurological and psychiatric articles will now appear together. This new format is designed to facilitate stronger and closer interaction between the two disciplines and emphasise the enormous developments that both specialties have experienced in recent years.

As part of this process the outward form of the Swiss Archives has been modernised, while maintaining continuity with the old SANP through the cover colour scheme.

An important change relates to planning of the journal's issues, since the alternation of neurological and psychiatric articles has been discontinued. The editorial teams will continue to work for their own specialities on a separate and independent basis. We shall accept reviews, original articles and short communications, and publish the usual sections such as letters to the editor, communications and book reviews. Today most medical publications are in English. While there would be good reasons for publishing only in English, the editors will continue to accept papers in French and German but would like to encourage the authors to publish in English. We are interested in publishing articles of high quality in the fields of Clinical Psychiatry and Neurology. We look forward to receiving interesting manuscripts and it is our hope that the SANP will continue its successful career. Parallel to these changes we are introducing an online editorial system which will simplify and speed up the processing of manuscripts (www.sanp.ch – Online submission).

In future the journal will appear under the imprint of EMH Swiss Medical Publishers Ltd., a joint venture between Schwabe and the Swiss Medical Association FMH. To Schwabe publishing house, which in recent years has

rendered such inestimable services to the Swiss Archives, we express deepest gratitude for their outstanding cooperation. We especially thank Mrs Christina Scherer, who has fulfilled her charge with unfailing courtesy and responsibility.

We uphold the journal's tradition by ensuring its continuing development. Our contacts remain as before the clinically active neurologists and psychiatrists, together with the men and women scientists working in the speciality. The journal's scientific profile is to be promoted and strengthened, while expressly maintaining a practice-oriented and many-sided scientific approach.

For the future we wish the journal a large, interested readership and committed authors who choose the SANP as a forum for their contributions.

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Dear readers,

It is a great honour and pleasure for us to record that the tradition-steeped Swiss Archive for Neurology and Psychiatry will from now on to be published by EMH Ltd. The editorial teams of EMH Swiss Medical Publishers Ltd., an affiliate of the previous publishers Schwabe and also of the FMH, will devote the same care to publishing the Swiss Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry and promote the journal's development through the available specialist know-how and state-of-the-art publication technology.

As a publishing house whose majority shareholders are Swiss doctors, it is our duty to offer an editorially independent and high-quality platform for Swiss medical publishing. In fulfilment of this corporate duty we provide specialised journals, a broad-based online offering and a growing book programme. As the tenth journal appearing under our imprint, the Swiss Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry constitute an ideal complement to our catalogue of publications. The journal plays its part in covering the entire spectrum of medical discussion and offering our readers both a serious and relevant specialist media.

We look forward to cooperating with the editorial teams and authors. And from our readership we await with keen expectation their feedback on how they find the journal in its new concept.

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