

Changes and new features

The Swiss Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry start the new year 2002 by celebrating their 85th anniversary. With the present issue new features of the Journal are introduced. We will publish more issues so that the Journal will appear 8 times per year. There will be one additional psychiatry issue and one joint psychiatry and neurology issue. We can therefore accommodate the increasing number of papers and also reduce the time for manuscript publication. To make the Swiss Archives more reader-friendly, we will coordinate the publication of the abstracts of the Swiss Society of Neurology with the annual meetings in an effort to make the journal available during the congress.

One of the unique features of the Swiss Archives is that it is the official Journal of the Swiss Society of Neurology and the Swiss Societies of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. To underline this joint effort, the last issue of this year will be dedicated to a combined theme relevant to both Psychiatry and Neurology and edited by Professors J. Bogousslavsky and F. Ferrero.

Today most medical publications are in English. While there would be good reasons to publish the Swiss Archives in English, there are also reasons to allow authors to publish in their own mother tongue. The editors will continue to accept papers in French and German but would like to encourage the authors to publish in English. Starting 2002, we will request, as stated in the Guidelines for authors, an extended summary for all articles in English only. Summaries in French or German will no longer be published.

The journal is interested in publishing articles of high quality in the fields of clinical or academic Psychiatry and Neurology. We expect to continue to receive interesting manuscripts and it is our hope that the Swiss Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry will continue to be an important partner in the rapidly moving field of Clinical Neurosciences.

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