

Leaving as Editor: Andreas J. Steck

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As I took over the editorship of the Swiss Archives for Neurology for the neurological part from Hans-Peter Ludin in 1995 I did not imagine that I would keep this function until 2011. It is time for me to leave and give the editorship to my successor Jean Marie Annoni.

I have been privileged to work over these years with outstanding colleagues. I would like to thank the neurology co-chief Editors Franco Regli, Julien Bogouslavsky and Claudio Bassetti; on the psychiatry side my thanks go to Daniel Hell, François Ferrero, Joachim Küchenhoff and Jacques Besson. They all helped shape, modernise the Journal and bring in new ideas. Not only the layout has changed, but we brought new features to take in account the drastic changes in neurology and psychiatry. One of the unique characteristics 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. The editors decided in 2002 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 moved a step further, and neurological and psychiatric articles are now appearing 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 readers' time gets more constrained, reviews have become an attractive format to be kept informed and play an important role in education and training. The addition of minireviews has been very popular both among readers and authors.

You may wonder why I write this editorial in English. We often discussed in the editorial board meetings this issue as most medical publications are in English. While there would be good reasons to publish the Swiss Archives in English, there are also arguments to allow authors to publish in their own mother tongue. The editors therefore decided to continue to accept papers in French and German but would like to encourage the authors to publish in English.

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