

Changes Ahead

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This issue heralds a new era for your *Journal*. During the past several months, there have been several significant events that will impact its publication. First, the *Journal* has been converting to a new online manuscript submission system, "Rapid Review" which I hope will be more user friendly for authors, reviewers, editors and our *Journal's* staff. For those of you who may have the occasion to use this new system, both the *Journal's* staff and I welcome your comments regarding its functionality. Second, as a result of increasing numbers of submissions, the Academy's Board of Directors and I have agreed that it is time to increase the publication frequency of the *Journal*. Thus, starting next year, the *Journal* will publish bimonthly. Doing this will allow us to publish more original manuscripts as well as reduce the publication delay for manuscripts which have already been accepted. Third, as has been recently announced, our sister journal, *SLEEP* has a new editor, David Dinges, Ph.D. Dr. Dinges is well qualified and committed to maintaining *SLEEP* as an excellent venue for the publication of sleep science. I anticipate working closely with him to develop a system that will allow manuscripts to flow from one editorial process to the other with little effort on the part of authors.

Making its debut in this issue of the *Journal* is a new feature, downloadable non-print media, which will be used selectively in the future to increase the scientific or educational value of published papers. The readership is directed to the Sleep Pearl authored by Drs. Grigg-Damberger, Brown, and Casey. In addition to the printed description of the case, there is a downloadable video clip which illustrates the primary clinical finding better than any written prose. I hope that readers will find the video of educational worth.

Finally, a number of readers have inquired about the status of the *Journal* on major indexes and internet search engines. I am pleased to announce that the *Journal* is indexed on EMBASE, EMNursing, Compendex, GEOBASE, and Scopus. Our applications to be included on PUBMED, MEDLINE and Thomson ISI are still pending, and hopefully will receive a favorable action in the near future.

As I near the end of my second year as your editor, I hope that the *Journal* has become a regular part of your ongoing professional development and that you in turn will assist the *Journal* in becoming a better publication by assisting in the review process when asked, and by submitting high quality manuscripts.