Dear Readers:

It is a pleasure to present this issue, in which you will find works showcasing the richness of Neurology. We have excellent contributions that make this edition especially important. We are also proud to share with you the news that Dr. Steven L. Lewis, Editor-in-Chief of Continuum Neurology® the most widely-read continuing education publication in the world, and Dr. Grisold Wolfgang, General Secretary of the World Federation of Neurology, have joined our Editorial Committee adding to the extraordinary group of international editors who are increasing the prestige of this publication.

In this edition, we present the clinical practice guidelines for the diagnosis and management of chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, developed by the neuromuscular diseases study group, led by Dr. Edwin Steven Vargas-Cañas and Dr. Erwin Chiquete. Their recommendations update us on adequate diagnostic and therapeutic approaches that best benefit the patient suffering from this painful condition—such as when to use steroids, human immunoglobulin, or plasmapheresis—and reports on the level of evidence of different options for immunomodulation from monoclonal to azathioprine.

Dr. Paul Carrillo-Mora and his collaborators present us with a very topical matter: subjective memory complaints and their associated factors in the geriatric population in Mexico. It shows us how mood—for instance, anxiety or depression—, low schooling, overweight, obesity, and other comorbidities favor amnesia while regular exercise and reading habits can prevent it.

Another original contribution is from Dr. Ramos-Galarza and collaborators on the executive and behavioral functions of high-school students in Ecuador, presenting the relationship with school performance. Dr. Aguilar-Fabre and her colleagues present a correlation between the electroencephalographic pattern, the etiology, and the outcome of neonatal epileptic seizures. Dr. Denise Medici and her colleagues review the state of
health in children suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in relation to ophthalmological, otorhinolaryngological, metabolic, and respiratory aspects. It’s very interesting that those suffering from this problem may have comorbidities that must be addressed to avoid aggravating the problem and influencing their development.

We are honored to have in this issue the revision of exertion headaches by Dr. Julio Pascual from Santander, Spain. He is one of the experts in the field worldwide and we pride ourselves to have him as a distinguished member of this magazine’s International Editorial Committee.

A very attractive and educational review is presented by Dr. Ospina-García of the Movement Disorders Clinic led by Dr. Rodríguez-Violante. It transports us with a review of basal nuclei physiology and behavior exploring the fascinating tasks of sensory-motor, associative, and limbic circuits, the neurotransmitters involved in their functioning, and how they are modified by disease. We also have in this issue the second part of the review on infections affecting the nervous system by Dr. Valle-Murillo and Dr. Amparo-Carrillo, dedicated to the different aggregate infections suffered by the patient with acquired immunodeficiency. Finally, Dr. Miranda-Nava and colleagues present a case of an intriguing pathology affecting the corpus callosum due to wine consumption described at the beginning of the 20th century by Drs. Marchiafava and Bignami in Italy.

I am sure that this number will appeal to our readers. With it, we close a year in which the problems of the world have continued to grow and many people still suffer from disease and injustice, but medicine keeps looking for an opportunity to serve those in need of it and make a difference in the life of the patients and their families. Let us wish for a better year, and finish this one with the satisfaction of having fulfilled our duty and with the hope to do our best in the years to come.

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