EDITORIAL

Welcome to our second, "launch," edition of *Epilepsy Currents*, the first official AES journal. *Epilepsy Currents* was born out of numerous discussions, some dating back several years and finally culminating in the journal you hold. A society as vibrant and active as ours clearly should have a journal. In determining the type of journal that would be most useful and distinguished from *Epilepsia*, the journal of our parent organization the International League Against Epilepsy, we decided to develop a journal that would survey the available epilepsy literature published in any major journal. Further, we thought that comments of experts on the selected published articles (whose abstracts would be printed) would be invaluable in placing the material into perspective. Finally, the idea of brief review articles by the experts, on several clinical and basic topics per issue, often suggested by the profiled articles, was an additional important component of this endeavor. *Epilepsy Currents*, therefore, is an attempt to keep AES members current with basic and clinical developments and publications, on any aspect of epilepsy, through the mechanisms of highlighting and commenting on selected recently published articles, and reviewing selected clinical and basic topics in a concise but accessible way. The quality content is peer reviewed and will be listed in Index Medicus. It is our own, professional journal.

This endeavor represents a considerable amount of voluntary work on the part of the contributing editors, who are constantly combing the basic and clinical literature for relevant and important articles. In addition, we have already solicited many short review articles both from our contributing editors and from other experts. It has been remarkably gratifying that

everyone with whom we discussed these intentions, and everyone whom we asked to prepare content, has been more than willing to do so within stringent deadlines. We hope we can continue to bring a single source of up-to-date information on epilepsy to every one of our members, regardless of their particular direction in the epilepsy field, and that we will continue to receive this extraordinary level of cooperation.

Our goal will be achieved if *Epilepsy Currents* becomes regular reading for our members, and even more so if *Epilepsy Currents* represents its content to nonmembers, individuals in epilepsy and other fields. In cardiology, a similar journal has become the mainstay for cardiologists worldwide and has grown considerably since it was initiated. We suspect, and hope, that the results of our endeavor will be similarly gratifying to us as the founding editors, to the contributing editors, and to all contributors, as well as to those who will read, enjoy, and utilize the information contained in this journal. The web edition should make it simple to access, but the print journal will be available as well.

Finally, AES has its own journal. We are very proud of it, we welcome you to use it, and we thank you for your comments, help, and time.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Spencer, M.D.
Clinical Editor In Chief

Gregory Bergey, M.D.
Clinical Associate Editor

Robert Macdonald, M.D., Ph.D.
Basic Editor In Chief

Michael Rogawski, M.D., Ph.D.
Basic Associate Editor