

## *Letter from the Editor-in-Chief*

# JNV further expands scope

The *Journal of NeuroVirology* was established in 1995 with a mission to provide a unique publishing platform for the field of neurovirology. This highly specialized area of scientific research required a collaborative effort between basic and clinical scientists to investigate the pathogenesis of a growing number of CNS disorders. A novel scientific publication became necessary to bridge a gap between basic and clinical science in order to enhance translational research, molecular biology, immunology, genetics, and the epidemiology of viral-induced CNS disease and dysfunction.

As the body of knowledge expanded rapidly in this field, our mission to promote collaboration within the scientific community inspired the publication of several special issues of the Journal, covering areas that facilitate a better understanding of viral-induced pathology. These dedicated topics, such as the blood-brain barrier, chemokines, and neural immune interactions in CNS diseases that include Multiple Sclerosis, illuminated the mechanisms that trigger a wide range of CNS pathology upon viral infection. While the *Journal of NeuroVirology* was attracting an increasing number of scholarly articles from an international community of scientists conducting cutting-edge research on emerging infections that lead to CNS pathology and dysfunction, it was natural to expand

the scope of the Journal to include the research of our colleagues investigating the origins of CNS pathology and dysfunction in general.

For this issue of the *Journal of NeuroVirology*, Dr. Howard E. Gendelman served as Guest Editor on the subject of neural immunity. He identified a relevant and timely topic in this increasingly important area of biomedical research and invited leaders in the field to submit articles for this outstanding collection of review articles. These articles reflect the latest findings in various fields of non-viral CNS diseases of great importance to the field of neurovirology, as the delicate balance between the immune system and the central nervous system plays a pivotal role in our understanding of the pathogenesis of viral-induced disorders affecting the CNS. Over the past eight years, the Journal has remained committed to our readers by serving as a platform for the dissemination of topics relevant to the field of neurovirology to further enrich the body of knowledge that can directly and indirectly assist our readers in better understanding of viral-induced CNS dysfunction.

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