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As our cover shows, with this issue the *AJNR* has become the official publication of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ASHNR). This fine Society has played a pivotal role in promoting the investigation into and teaching of the principles underlying diagnostic imaging of some of the most anatomically complex areas of the human body.

The founding members of ASHNR undertook the scientific study of these much neglected areas and applied the most modern techniques beginning with linear tomography and progressing through computed tomography and magnetic resonance and have shared their knowledge with colleagues in other disciplines through the vehicle of an annual meeting begun in 1977, formalizing a course started by Dr Galdino Valvassori in 1967.

ASHNR has grown to a membership of 334. Because of the interest that neuroradiologists have in the area of head and neck radiology, and since many members of ASHNR are also members of ASNR, the American Journal of Neuroradiology has, through the years, published many of the landmark head and neck papers. In July of 1991, an agreement was reached between ASNR and ASHNR by which the *Journal* has become the Official Publication of both societies. The Executive Committee of ASHNR has chosen Dr R. Nick Bryan to serve as initial Editor of the head and neck section of *AJNR* until a search committee can be chosen to find a candidate to fill this position.

AJNR is honored that ASHNR has chosen it as its Official Journal. This places a burden on *AJNR* to seek the best in head and neck papers, reviews and commentaries, and to include features, book reviews, meeting notices, meeting summaries, and news of the ASHNR that will be of interest to head and neck radiologists and their colleagues in allied disciplines. The *Journal* looks forward to that challenge. Most importantly, *AJNR* pledges to extend its assistance to ensure prompt and fair peer review and editing and to include a broad spectrum of the ASHNR membership in these tasks.

AJNR looks forward to a long and fruitful collaboration with ASHNR. The ASNR and ASHNR have many things in common, yet each has its unique history and area of expertise. The *Journal* wishes to preserve the uniqueness of each society and enable all of us to learn from one another.

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