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Editorial

AJNR: Coming of Age

The *AJNR* has completed its sixth year of existence, and, using almost any yardstick, one would have to agree that these have been good years during which the journal has grown in stature and in size. The bimonthly publication is convenient, and while it does delay the publication of some manuscripts by an extra month, in most cases this delay does not appear to justify monthly publication.

The notice inserted on the preceding page by the president of the American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR) and others concerning the shift in ownership of the journal from the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) to the ASNR should be good news to all members of the society. The change in ownership has been signaled by minor modifications on the front cover. *Official Journal of the American Society of Neuroradiology* has been inserted and *AJNR* is now in blue on a yellow background. The change in ownership implies an increased responsibility to the society for the overall operation of the journal, particularly on the financial side. The ASNR will be eternally grateful to the ARRS for its initial assistance and continued involvement in ensuring the success of the *AJNR*. Not only did the ARRS provide financial support, but the experienced *AJR* editorial staff has provided all of the needed

advice and assistance from the beginning, 6½ years ago. The *AJR* staff will continue to assist on the editorial side to maintain the high standards that have been implemented, and the unique and successful dual publication policy will continue.

Dr. Melvin Figley, who is retiring as editor of the *AJR*, deserves special recognition, as do other members of the *AJR* editorial staff in Seattle: Kathleen Murray, Janine Anderson, and Marie Leonard. It is expected that the journal will continue to grow for some time, which will necessitate more pages to accommodate the increasing number of worthwhile manuscripts accepted for publication until an equilibrium can be reached. Obviously, articles on magnetic resonance imaging and its application to the nervous system will be occupying an important segment of the journal, and the number of reports will be increasing over the next several years. In the past, new imaging developments usually have been applied first to the nervous system, and, if history is an indication, we may expect the trend to continue as new imaging approaches are introduced.

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