In 1994, the field of pediatric neurology has seen many new developments coming from the relentless progress of neurogenetics but also from the evermore sophisticated application of neuroimaging techniques. "*Neuropediatrics*" has tried to keep abreast with many of these exciting themes: the application of diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging to the study of hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy was described by the Hammersmith Group (*Cowan* et al; Neuropediatrics 25 [1994] 172–175). Recently characterized neurogenetic disorders such as dentatorubral and pallidoluysian atrophy (*Imamura* et al.; Neuropediatrics 25 [1994] 234–237) or merosin-deficient congenital muscular dystrophy (this issue) have surfaced. A particular emphasis in a number of articles was put on the hereditary and acquired disorders of blood coagulation leading to neurovascular disease in childhood. The field of neurooncology has seen the contribution of a comprehensive update of the European data on the intracranial germ cell tumors (*Calaminus* et al; Neuropediatrics 25 [1994] 26–32) as well as a comprehensive follow-up study of optic pathway gliomas in children with neurofibromatosis type I (this issue). Several articles have dealt with neuro-imaging features and neurological outcome of preterm and fullterm neonates following perinatal complications. Neurological aspects of genetic disorders, clinical features of various neurometabolic diseases and experiences with the different antiepileptic drugs were some further of the manyfold facetts of pediatric neurology presented to our readers.

The influx of manuscripts has risen to 125 per year, and 60% were accepted. Besides the considerable workload imposed on the members of the Editorial Board, whose contributions are herewith gratefully acknowledged, many scientists throughout the world who are not members of the Board kindly rewieved submitted manuscripts. Their names are listed below.

The editors and publishers are particularly greatful to Prof. *J. Martinius,* Munich, who after two decades of active contribution has decided to step down from the Board of Editors. Our welcome goes to the new members of the Board, all of whom have already made substantial contributions to the Journal during the preceeding years:

- Dr. *William B. Dobyns,* Minneapolis, USA
- Dr. *Thierry W. Deonna,* Lausanne, Switzerland, and
- Dr. *Barry W. Tharp,* Houston, USA

Future developments of the Journal will comprise a series of review articles focussing on new neurogenetic aspects of selected topics such as lissencephalies, the pontocerebellar disorders, the dystonias, and adrenoleukodystrophy. The coming years will also see issues of *"Neuropediatrics"* devoted to one single topic. One forthcoming issue will deal with *Rett*-syndrome. The articles contained in these issues will be selected from international meetings and will also undergo the normal review process. Finally a regular update list for all recently mapped genetic disorders with relevance for the field of neuropediatrics will be included once a year. All these contributions are ment to keep our readers well updated and informed in this rapidly growing field of science.

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