

## Editorial note

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The readers of this journal will note that, in addition to the regular papers, we will publish in both this issue and the next, articles pertaining to the International Symposium on *Mechanisms of Neuromodulation and Brain Stimulation* (Cleveland, Ohio, USA, 8–10 June, 2001). This decision was taken to reinforce one of the main reasons that drove us to generate this new journal, namely, to close the gap between basic science and clinical sciences to include neurology, neuropsychiatry and neurosurgery. Indeed, one of our basic tenets, that the journal publishes papers that combine and conceptualize results obtained by basic scientists and clinicians toward the understanding of mechanisms underlying normal and pathological aspects of the thalamus and related systems, is clearly embodied in both this issue and the next. The editors will be happy to consider publishing reports of similar symposia, focused on the thalamus and related systems, in future issues of the journal.

