EDITORIAL

Focusing on the future

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As this new year begins, we are excited to announce new features and functionality that are being implemented and planned for *Neurosurgical Focus*—the first electronic web-based, peer-reviewed neurosurgical journal, and the brainchild of Dr. Martin Weiss—as we mark its 21st anniversary. Since its inception, *Neurosurgical Focus* has become a foundational educational element worldwide, providing the latest updates and reviews on a monthly topic that is carefully chosen to be clinically relevant and timely.

Over the past several monthly issues, we have included video abstracts to accompany some of the papers on each topic. This enhancement enables the authors to visually reinforce the results of their work. This new feature is attractive and enriches the content of the paper far more than a traditional podcast.

While we continue with the successful topic-based issues for which *Neurosurgical Focus* is renowned, we actively encourage our international colleagues to become more involved in the editorial aspects of *Neurosurgical Focus* in a fundamental way. We have reached out to our international readership in a Call for Topics to propose monthly topic ideas; the forthcoming issues reflect this change. The topics and papers presented will thus repre-

sent an international contribution, reflecting contemporary neurosurgery on a global scale.

Starting this month, we are expanding the video content of *Neurosurgical Focus* with quarterly video supplements. Leading this effort are *Neurosurgical Focus* Associate Editors Jason Sheehan and Aaron Cohen-Gadol and Video Content Editor E. Sander Connolly. These video supplements will cover a broad range of interests and a variety of surgical techniques. As an example, the January video supplement will complement the February topic on cervical arthroplasty; the supplement includes macro- and microsurgical videos of arthroplasty implantation and revision by experts in the field. Our April video issue will cover the topic of deep brain stimulation. The July and October video supplements will prove to be intriguing and educational as well.

During this new year, the Journal of Neurosurgery Publishing Group website will undergo a redesign to include more interactive features. We will announce this functionality when it becomes live in 2018.

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