It is a great pleasure for me to announce the launch of the International Neuroscience Journal in this first issue. All the technical preparations for the launch of this journal have been successfully completed. I am very happy that all the colleagues invited for cooperation from around the world have not only shown their willingness to contribute, but have also greatly motivated me to expedite this project.

After 15 years of experience at the International Neuroscience Institute in Germany, it is my belief that now the time has come for the philosophy we practice under one roof in Hannover to spread around the world with the help of the INJ. The establishment of an International Neuroscience Institute on every continent and in different regions of the world might require several generations due to different reasons, one being the bureaucratic limitations in bringing neurosurgeons and all other disciplines of the neurosciences closer together.

The mission of the INJ is to bring together basic and clinical neuroscience experts worldwide with the aim of stimulating a closer interdisciplinary cooperation for the benefit of the patient. To this aim, in the forming of the INJ, I have attempted to consider all the geographical regions in the different continents and have selected 30 exceptional colleagues to serve as editor-in-chiefs in the designated regions. Our Regional Editors-in-Chief have in turn created 30 editorial boards with members of various specialties, connecting hundreds of neuroscience specialists who share the same vision.

Each regional editorial team determine their own philosophy and development plan aligned with the overall strategy of the INJ, and contribute to our growth with outstanding publications and latest research in the neurosciences, as well as providing expert reviews of the articles published.

I am delighted to see many editorials from our colleagues in this first issue providing an overview of the history and development of neurosurgery and neuroscience in their area of focus.

I wish this journal success in bridging the gap between the different disciplines of the neurosciences and hope that our endeavors will result in better diagnosis and treatment of our patients. With best wishes for the future developments and results.