

CHANGES IN THE JOURNAL OF NEUROPHYSIOLOGY

With volume 38 of the Journal of Neurophysiology, a number of changes appear in the roster of those making up the Editorial Board. Especially conspicuous by its absence is the name of Dr. John M. Brookhart, former Chief Editor. The Publications Committee of the American Physiological Society takes this opportunity to express its deepest gratitude to Dr. Brookhart for the many years during which he unselfishly devoted his time and labors to maintaining and strengthening the outstanding position that the Journal of Neurophysiology occupies in the broad field of physiological sciences. Dr. Brookhart assumed the position of Chief Editor in 1964, and carried out the responsibilities of this position without interruption through the next 10 years. During this time he earned the very deepest respect of his associates on the Publications Committee of the American Physiological Society and on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurophysiology. His individual attention to each manuscript that appeared in the Journal became legendary, and many authors are indebted to him for the guidance that they received in improving their papers. In giving up his position as Chief Editor, Dr. Brookhart does not terminate his association with publications of the American Physiological Society since he, together with Dr. Vernon B. Mountcastle, has assumed responsibility for the neurophysiology section of the Handbook of Physiology, which is currently being prepared by the Society.

The Publications Committee also recognizes the long and valuable service of several other members of the Editorial Board whose terms ended with the last issue of volume 37. These Editors are: P. O. Bishop, Irving T. Diamond, Edward R. Perl, W. Alden Spencer, and Gerhard Werner. Though their names are no longer listed in the Journal, they will, in fact, continue to render assistance to the Journal of Neurophysiology when called on to review manuscripts in their areas of neurophysiology.

In addition to thanking the departing members of the Editorial Board, the Publications Committee takes this opportunity to welcome the new members of the Editorial Board and to comment on the new breadth which these members will bring to the Journal. The new members are Robert E. Burke, Edward V. Evarts (Chief Editor), R. W. Guillery, David A. Robinson, Urban Ungerstedt, and Torsten N. Wiesel. These new members will strengthen the Board by bringing to it expertise in techniques that are becoming increasingly important in neurophysiology. In earlier times, recordings of electrical activity provided the major advances in our understanding of the function of the nervous system, but today advances in neurophysiology involve the use of more and more diverse techniques, and the neurophysiologist may spend more time looking through the microscope than looking at the oscilloscope. The increasingly widespread use of anatomical and histochemical techniques in the solution of neurophysiological problems means that the scope of a journal of neurophysiology must become correspondingly broader in terms of the techniques employed in the research papers that it contains. As stated in the Information for Contributors, "The aim of the Journal of Neurophysiology is to provide a channel for the publication of original contributions on the function of the nervous system. Materials submitted may include any phase of the subject

amenable to experimental analysis." No technique is ruled out in this statement, and the Editorial Board, together with consultants selected on an ad hoc basis, will consider papers on the function of the nervous system regardless of the methods employed in the research.

Alfred P. Fishman
Chairman, Publications Committee
American Physiological Society

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience will be held in New York City, November 2-6, 1975, at the New York Hilton Hotel. Symposia, volunteer paper sessions, tape/slide sessions, dinner discussion groups, and guest speakers will cover a broad range of neuroscientific subjects. Poster sessions will supplement the traditional 10-minute talks. Our Call-for-Papers suggests over 60 topic categories to which abstracts may be submitted. Sample topics are as follows:

Brain Stem; Invertebrate Neurophysiology; Membrane Biophysics; Neuroimmunology; Neuromuscular Junction; Somatosensory Systems.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts: June 2, 1975

For detailed information, write: Neuroscience Meeting Headquarters, Room 200 A, Lee Building, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.