Editorial: Visual Neuroscience is expanding

VISUAL NEUROSCIENCE enters its second volume and moves from quarterly to bimonthly publication, primarily in response to the large volume of excellent manuscripts received and accepted during the first year. According to all indications, this new journal is being well received by a large, international community of visual scientists and a somewhat broader audience than originally anticipated. The founding of a new journal devoted exclusively to basic research in the present era of biotechnological and biomedical fervor expresses our strong resolution that the support and coverage of fundamental scientific research remain a high priority. Historically, research in basic science has yielded profoundly important benefits to society, not the least of which involves the education and training of each new generation of scientists who participate directly in the development of new techniques, methodologies and standards of excellence crucial to significant advances in the knowledge base of every major discipline.

In defining the range and scope of coverage of VISUAL NEUROSCIENCE, the Editorial Board invites for consideration original manuscripts that address the fundamental neural mechanisms and processes that underlie visually guided behaviors and visual perception. Manuscripts based primarily upon psychophysical, behavioral and/or biomedically oriented research are not generally deemed appropriate for consideration unless clearly presented within the context of advancing our understanding of the fundamental organization and functioning of visual systems. While the majority of papers published by VISUAL NEUROSCIENCE will continue to be those based upon original empirical and/or theoretical research, major, scholarly review papers are also welcome for consideration. Prospective authors are encouraged to contact the Editor for guidelines concerning the presentation of review papers.

As VISUAL NEUROSCIENCE commences its second year, the Editor would like to acknowledge the continuing excellent support of Cambridge University Press, as well as the crucial efforts and continuing guidance of the Editorial Board. We express our collective appreciation to the many *ad hoc* referees (cited in VISUAL NEUROSCIENCE, Volume 1, Number 4), for their many valuable and essential contributions to the review process. Finally, we extend our warm congratulations to the authors whose published papers represent both the substance and quality of VISUAL NEUROSCIENCE itself.

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