

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

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Cris Constantinescu is Professor of Neurology in the Division of Clinical Neurosciences at the University of Nottingham, UK. He graduated with an MD from Boston University School of Medicine in 1988. As recipient of the physician-scientist award from the National Institutes of Health, US, he completed a PhD in Immunology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1998. He completed an internship, a residency in neurology and fellowships in neuroimmunology and neurorehabilitation.

He was appointed honorary consultant neurologist and senior lecturer in neurology at the University of Nottingham in 2000–2001. In 2004 he was appointed professor of neurology and chair in neurology at the University of Nottingham. He has authored or co-authored about 170 articles in international journals. His research interests are immune regulation in inflammatory diseases of the nervous system, in particular MS and its models, imaging in multiple sclerosis (MS), clinical trials and epidemiology. He runs a busy, large MS clinic, together with four other clinical neurologists in Nottingham. He is the clinical lead for neurological diseases in the East Midlands Clinical Research Network.

I am delighted to take on the role of Editor-in-Chief for *European Neurological Review* and would like to introduce myself. I studied medicine in Boston University, US, and specialised in neurology in Philadelphia. I then moved to Europe and worked on multiple sclerosis (MS) in Switzerland for two years. For the past 17 years, I have been working in Nottingham, UK, and in 2004 I became professor and head of clinical neurology at the University of Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre. My main research interest is in the immunological mechanisms underlying MS, particularly dysregulation of cytokines. An early aim of my research was modulating the immune system to treat MS, an approach that has now become widely used. I also have an interest in imaging modalities in MS, particularly the detection of white matter and grey matter damage for the purposes of discovering subtle disease, and using imaging modalities as outcome measures in clinical trials.

European Neurological Review is a unique source for presenting meetings and satellite symposia, and it also produces very high quality review articles. As Editor-in-Chief, I would like to diversify the range of topics to include diagnostic methods as well as clinical aspects and new research on neurological diseases. I am confident that *European Neurological Review* will gain inclusion on PubMed, which would be advantageous for the journal. The journal has a global reach, which is reflected in its editorial board. I look forward to working with everyone involved in developing the journal. To all prospective authors, I would like to encourage you to submit both reviews and original research manuscripts. We offer advice to all authors and for those whose articles are accepted, and we will ensure that they reach their target audience. To readers, I hope you find the journal relevant, interesting and attractive to read. □

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cris Constantinescu'.

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