



Editorial

Welcome to the International Journal of Psychology and Neuroscience

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The widespread access to the internet changed the scientific publications and research paradigm. For publishers, the internet is not just an alternative to the traditional printing, but also allows a wide range of diverse contents, (e.g., animations, videos, databases). Moreover, it also reduces publication barriers (e.g., strengthens researchers and publishers networking among various worldwide geographic points), providing immediate electronic worldwide release and at a lower cost (although new technologies do not obscure the former ones, they cause, indeed, modifications).

Surely that this is an open debate and we ally ourselves to the ones advocating the maintenance of both ways of disclosure, stimulating the particularities and specificities mill, differing formats, uses and relationships, in order to make it more accessible to access to scientific knowledge. From this perspective, we conceive, as a “possibility” in due time, to publish IJPN in both formats.

This way, an increasing number of electronic journals are published underlying a wide cover of different specialities. The lower publishing and electronic dissemination cost, which led to the increase of Journal’s subscriptions and raised the "Open Access Model" debate - a model that has generated some arguing for its diversity - and that we adopt in our "International Journal of Psychology and Neuroscience", as a model to follow in creating and promoting an entirely free shared knowledge network, due to its importance to all scientists, including our readers.

One of the goals of the open access movement is to provide free unrestricted access to articles in scientific journals, including the ones that focus on specialized topics (e.g., psychology and neuroscience); as this is the case. Nowadays, the access to the full content of most neuropsychological and biomedical journals requires a paid subscription for individuals, departments or institutional libraries. Thus, and despite open access journals are freely available to the reader, there are still associated costs with its publication and production,

some are subsidized, and others require payment by the author. This way, and according to IJPN editorial model, these costs are supported either by the work and commitment but also through synergies between the authors, the editorial team and readers; we are, this way, speaking of a fully open access journal!

Even though some authors or their agencies are able to pay certain costs, other authors may not be able to do so; which can create unequal competition conditions, i.e., publication bias, a situation that is not in the best interests of science, but really is a potentially unintended consequence of some open access models.

In the IJPN, we believe in the possibility of a no cost disclosure to authors and readers, and this premise externalizes guided by our inherent passion in this walk. Therefore, it is our goal to provide its content in the most unhindered way possible, and at no cost, without jeopardizing the newspaper's mandate to provide accurate information, evaluation and publish the most significant advances in the proposed areas; evidencing the authority of the evidence rather than evidence of authority.

The future success of IJPN will be measured by a set of criteria that have much more to do with science, quality, and communication of the scientific knowledge advances than with financial aspects. One of IPJN main indicators is to meet the needs of authors and readers through a permanent increasing of quality, and also openness to collaborations with potential University/Research Institutes, among others. If this trend get confirmed, the Journal hopes to be able to publish about ten articles per volume and, from those, 50% are original / experimental, reflecting both the editorial responsibility as the scientific rigor of this new project. Thus, it is our editorial team commitment to evolve with the collaboration of all that embrace this journey to maximizing access while minimizing excess. However, we are not naive and we know the value of work whom really estimate, but, and therefore, because the dream can be born in one person although will never be achieved individually,

here is our commitment for our readers and authors that at any time will be required costs or fees to publish or even to download, copy, print, search, or to get access to the full link text of the presented documents. The only restriction is to really ensure that authors control over the integrity of his work and the right to intellectual property and quote. Information is a public good that cannot be restricted or limited; towards to mankind development in a really Open Access movement.

Besides the pleasure that is offering you this new IJPN journal, we have the genuine ambition to grow and reach the necessary maturity, with full awareness of the arduous task that represents this project of students and professionals.

We are grateful and really appreciate the confidence granted by the Scientific Board Members, highly internationally recognized (teachers, researchers and professionals) who work in a wide set of specializations in psychology and neuroscience. The Editorial Board is also a strongly determined team aiming to ensure compliance and scientific rigor of all published content. With the support and commitment to this intention and collective will, we will certainly be able to effectively support our/your goals.

We are aware that an electronic journal is complex, and that's why we try to keep a fair balance between intentions and the content and form. Although there is a "editorial" sense regarding such demanding task, and at the same time rewarding, we cannot omit our awe about the possibility of fulfil this endeavor for excellence.

Although it's true that we intend to reach an expanded public, with special interest in issues regarding psychology and neurosciences, IJPN target is focused mainly at scientific and professional community, assigning also the opportunity to share many and so worthy work done by students around the world, in order to show all this excellence that, most of the times, stays in the drawer. In parallel, there is a real need for opening to dialogue between members of professional and scientific communities between the East and the West; science

has an ethical duty to approach, rather than deviate. We take the opportunity to thank our staff and direct contributors (members of the Scientific Committee, Editors, Authors and future Readers) for their support, interest and dedicated investment in IJPN, helping it to become a professional journal with the eyes in an international audience.

With a curious rather than a critical eye, we feel that professionals working in applied areas of psychology and neuroscience are not adequately represented by the purely theoretical approach, iterant in most scientific journals. Furthermore, we intend to publish interviews of great interest to the general public and academic fields in an attempt to prioritize them by some criteria: usefulness, innovation and meaning.

Thus, our initial goal - to provide a "virtual arena" for all passionate about psychology and neuroscience, is getting closer to be fulfilled. Their points of view will be shared, offering them the opportunity to express professional experience and / or academic particularities and, to our readers, the opportunity to reap knowledge from all those current different perspectives, in the former mentioned fields. To sum up, please feel invited to "polish", as much as possible, from all the information provided, so that you can find in IJPN the reasons needed to say "it was useful and good use of the time spent reading the International Journal of Psychology and Neuroscience". In summary, our passion for science meets our need for quality and excellence. Indeed, neuroscience and psychology can and should underline a path together. After all, this path really is "from the eyes of neuroscience to the heart of psychology"; organism as whole!

Thank you all!

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