

## Romanian Neurosurgery Editor's Page November 2010

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### Romanian Neurosurgery - 2010

This is the final issue of Romanian Neurosurgery for 2010 and this is a good time for some reflections. We have had a good year: together we managed to provide quarterly publication of Romanian Neurosurgery with important neurosurgical subjects of Romanian and foreign authors and this year our journal was classified first time in the B + category by National Council for Scientific Research in Higher Education (CNCSIS).

Between 28 September – 2 October, the 7<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery with International Participation in Cluj was very successful and enjoyable.

In this issue several important manuscripts are included on different topics. First, this issue presents a historical paper on Assoc. Professor Stefan Tristan Iacob who was the founder of Neurosurgery in Cluj and who published with Professor Constantin Arseni one of the first romanian neurosurgical book, the volume entitled *Vertebral sciatica*, 1948.

Particularly special is the study of Ketter et al. on prognostic genetic markers in malignant gliomas showing that p15 methylation can act as an additional prognostic factor for survival in glioblastomas.

Iamandei et al. showed that increased amounts of polyunsaturated fatty acids in the membranes of nerve cells can justify the positive evolution of animals in assessing the performance of concomitant behavioral tests.

An original contribution of Rotariu et al. deals with aspects of malignant transformation of low grade gliomas into glioblastoma and Iliescu, Negru and Poeata evaluated the efficacy of MR tractography for preoperative planning in patients with cerebral tumors in eloquent areas.

The need of protocols for a comprehensive management of mild and moderate head injuries in adults is presented by Turliuc et al. and also very interesting is the article by Costachescu and Popescu, which focuses on the modern management in vertebral metastases.

There are also more very interesting case reports: a retrospective study on five cases of cranio-cerebral gunshot wounds (Majer and Iacob), a case with severe spinal lumbar and thoracic stenosis in an adult patient with achondroplasia (Iliescu et al) and others, and we hope you enjoy reading all these articles.

This issue ends with selected abstracts from our National Congress during September - October at Cluj and with the report of general assembly of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery.

From the editorial office, we wish you all a very nice end of 2010, a Happy New Year and we look forward to further cooperation in 2011.

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