

Editorial

The end of the year is supposed to be a time to discard the old and ring in the new. However this year we are turning the tables and bringing you old, even classic, work from *The Journal of Neuroscience*. As a service to our readers, we have posted the full Back Content of *The Journal of Neuroscience* from the first issue published in January 1981 until the *Journal* began on-line publication in May 1996. At the *Journal* website (www.jneurosci.org), you are now able to download pdf files for all papers, including the graphics. This project involved the scanning of 67,000 pages from the period 1981–1996. Special thanks go to the Central Office staff as well as our colleagues at Cadmus Professional Communications and HighWire Press for their hard work in orchestrating all the details. We are pleased with the quality of the scanned material, although you will see it cannot quite match the quality of recently published work. Nonetheless, we have taken care to optimize the quality of more difficult items such as color graphics and photomicrographs. We hope this will save you trips to the library and increase the use and appropriate citation of older, but still valuable, *Journal of Neuroscience* articles.

Because of our weekly, 50 issues per year, publication schedule, this issue (December 17) will be the last issue for 2003. We are confident that you will use the two-week break to catch up on all 67,000 pages from the past! For example, if you go to Volume 1, Issue 1, you will find articles from many familiar names in neuroscience, including Victor Hamburger, Vernon Mountcastle, Pat Levitt, Pasko Rakic, Masakazu Konishi, Nick Spitzer, Corey Goodman, and others. The first issue was dedicated to Stephen Kuffler, a member of the original editorial board, who died unexpectedly in October 1980. His picture that appeared in that issue is reproduced at right.

We hope you will continue to support the *Journal* in 2004 as authors, reviewers, and readers. Look for new features in 2004 and a new section on Neurobiology of Disease. We look forward to your participation in our society- and scientist-run journal and welcome your feedback. Happy New Year.

Gary Westbrook on behalf of the editors and Central Office staff



**Stephen W. Kuffler
(1913–1980)**