

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### The Henry Stonnington Awards for Review Articles

*Brain Injury* is pleased to announce that, commencing in 2007, annual awards will be given for the best Review Articles published in the Journal. In recognition of *Brain Injury*'s Founding Editor, **The Henry Stonnington Awards**—sponsored by Taylor & Francis—will provide a 1st prize of **\$1,000** and a 2nd prize of **\$500** to the lead author of winning Review Articles, as adjudicated by the Editorial Board.

At the beginning of each year, a team of judges will evaluate all Review Articles published in the previous volume, and final decisions will be made by 15 April†. Recipients of the awards will be notified, and announced in *Brain Injury*.

Some guidelines on the writing of high-quality Review Articles are listed below. Adherence to these will help authors meet the awards' criteria.

1. Should you wish, submit your idea to the Editors for their consideration and approval before writing the article.
2. Consider topics with broad clinical and/or research applications and keep in mind the scope of interest of the readership of the Journal.
3. Aim for a Review Article with clear conclusions and/or summation such as a meta-analysis.
4. Be willing to explore more controversial topics that may not have definitive consensus and/or evidence-based medicine as a foundation for determining conclusions.
5. Remember the primary criteria for good scientific writing includes good flow, clarity and accuracy which generally requires good organizational skills and a firm grasp of the English language.
6. Consider ending your Review Article by addressing issues that remain unanswered along with suggestions for the kind of research that would help to answer them and/or consider concluding with a major reiteration of the primary lesson learned by the review.
7. Remember that Review Articles including meta-analyses are critical evaluations of previously published literature.
8. Writing a good Review Article involves significant effort and time to synthesize, integrate, organize and evaluate the methodology and quality of previously published information with the intent of distilling this information for the readership of *Brain Injury*.
9. A good review defines and clarifies a particular problem, summarizes current knowledge based on a synopsis of prior studies, identifies gaps in the literature regarding the topic and suggests means of solving unanswered questions regarding the topic being reviewed.

In preparing manuscripts, please consult *Brain Injury*'s **Instructions for Authors** available from the Journal homepage. Review Articles to be considered for **The Henry Stonnington Awards** should be clearly indicated as such in the covering letter.

Manuscripts should be sent, as a single attachment to an email, to the Editorial Office:

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#### Henry H. Stonnington

Dr Henry Herbert Stonnington was born in 1927 in Vienna. He received his MBBS at Melbourne University in 1950. Subsequently, he trained in Internal Medicine in London from 1952 to 1954. He completed his MRCP in Edinburgh in 1965. Following this, he attended the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota from 1969 to 1972, completing his residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. He became a Fellow of the AAPM&R in 1973 and then went on to get a MSc at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis in 1974. In 1977, he

† In exceptional circumstances, the Editors reserve the right not to present either prize in any given year if no Review Articles are considered to have fulfilled the necessary criteria.

received his FRCP in Edinburgh, and his FACRM and FAFRM in 1989 and 1992, respectively. In 2001, he became a member of both the FAHA and the Stroke Council of the United States.

Dr Stonnington has held numerous academic appointments including serving as Chairman of two major PM&R programs in the USA; one at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University from 1983 to 1988, and the other at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1992 to 1994. Currently, he is Clinical Professor of Medicine in the section of PM&R at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. He also serves as Medical Director for rehabilitation services as well as Chairman of the Department of PM&R at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Dr Stonnington received the Distinguished Physician award from the AAPM&R in 2002 and is venerated as a visionary leader in the field of TBI rehabilitation having served not only as the founder of the Journal *Brain Injury* in 1983, but also as one of the primary guiding forces and founders (along with the late Sheldon Berrol, MD) behind the International Association for the Study of Traumatic Brain Injury (IASTBI) which eventually merged with the International Brain Injury Association (IBIA).

His vision, professional fortitude and continuously optimistic perspective regarding the potential for improvement following a catastrophic brain injury will heed all professionals in our field well. He remains a staunch advocate for education and research in brain injury rehabilitation. His clinical mantra might best be summarized by the following words of wisdom: 'Never say never.' To those who have had the privilege of working with Dr Stonnington, we feel these three simple words best express what we have garnered of his professional legacy.

This award therefore reflects our admiration for the accomplishments of Dr Stonnington, not only with regard to his role as the founder of this Journal and his contributions to the field of brain injury care, but also to a consummate patient and family advocate, clinical mentor, husband, father, grandfather, scientist, author, poet and world citizen.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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