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Opportunities and Challenges in Our 40th Year

Ansgar Brambrink President

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of SNACC. I gladly accept the opportunity and challenge to help shape the society and work with you on new and restated goals.

First and foremost, let me thank Dr. Monica Vavilala for her leadership during the last year. The many achievements under her presidency deserve great praise, and I thank her wholeheartedly for all she has done for SNACC during her term.

Today I can report that our society is indeed on a positive path. Many things have happened in the last few months that will have a positive impact on SNACC's growth and development. There is a lot in store for this year that you can look forward to, and you can enjoy being part of a thriving organization.

First, we had a very successful annual meeting in October. Dr. Martin Smith chaired the program committee that created an exciting and very well received series of workshops, a dinner symposium, and plenary and poster sessions. One of the highlights for the society was the tribute to its long-term member and previous President Dr. M. Jane Matjasko during Friday's business meeting. Drs. Patricia Petrozza and Gary Fiskum provided humorous and moving insights into Jane's personal and professional contributions to our specialty. The meeting received excellent reviews by the attendees and, more important, it was financially successful and provided a budget surplus at year's end. This accomplishment is remarkable in these difficult economic times. The monies will be used to further the professional and educational goals of the society this year.

We will work hard to match this success during our upcoming meeting in Washington, D.C. on October 11-12, 2012. Did you know that 2012 marks SNACC's 40th birthday? This milestone deserves a big celebration, and we are developing a highly attractive program starting on Thursday afternoon with new workshops and, for the first time, problem-based learning discussions. On Thursday evening, the Dinner Symposium will be dedicated to the 40th Anniversary celebration. Dr. Kristin Engelhard and the 2012 program committee are organizing these events as well as a terrific Friday scientific program. Please save the date and join us for an exciting opportunity to combine fun, academic pursuits and meeting old friends.

Second, let me report on the strategic plan for the organization, developed by the SNACC leadership in the fall, and outlined in four key goals:

1) Content Production – SNACC will focus on the production of new educational materials and the continuous improvement of existing ones, the majority of which are published on the SNACC website. We also will provide PBLDs at the IARS and at our annual meeting. SNACC's educational activities are spearheaded by Dr. Rafi Avitsian and the members of the Education Committee. We will continue to expand on providing educational opportunities to other societies such as the Neurocritical Care Society, the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia, and the International Stroke Conference meetings in the upcoming year. We have also invited partner organizations to sponsor SNACC's educational activities. As a result, the Neurocritical Care Society will again co-host a session at this year's SNACC Annual Meeting in D.C., and the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists is currently considering such collaboration. SNACC has also started developing treatment guidelines. Dr. Pekka Talke leads the SNACC Task Force on Guideline Development for the Management of Perioperative Stroke. Moreover, members of SNACC acted as key experts on the development of new guidelines regarding perioperative visual loss and the "2012 Guidelines on the Acute Medical Management of Severe Traumatic Brain Injury in Infants." The former has been published most recently in *Anesthesiology* and the latter has been officially endorsed by SNACC. In this issue of the newsletter you will find Dr. Monica Vavilala's report (page X) from the SNACC Outreach Task Force that outlines these and many other initiatives.

2) Public Relations Initiatives – SNACC continuous to expand its outreach to members and the public via new features on the website, frequent e-blasts and newsletters. We currently have an initiative to include social media and blogs in order to reach beyond the traditional audience. These efforts are driven by Drs. Marc Bloom and Reza Gorji and the members of the SNACC Communication Committee. As previously noted, SNACC's outreach efforts, spearheaded by Dr. Vavilala, will



increase our partnership with other societies and institutions that can support our mission as well as benefit SNACC's visibility. One aspect of this important work is SNACC's reach to other organizations to achieve reciprocal recognition and endorsement of various activities such as the annual meeting or educational products. Moreover, our website is constantly expanding; for example, new educational materials such as our exciting series "Chats with the Author" and an enhanced "History" page. We also plan to update and modernize the website.

3) Fellowship Initiatives – SNACC is actively pursuing the development of an accreditation process for a Neuroanesthesia Fellowship track, under the leadership of Dr. Greg Crosby. He has called a meeting of the Neuroanesthesiology Fellowship Directors in the U.S. (to be held at this year's IARS meeting in Boston) to further discuss the matter. SNACC also continues to work closely with the Neurocritical Care Society and the America Academy of Neurology on establishing a track for entry to a UCNS-accredited one-year neurocritical care fellowship. These efforts are currently spearheaded by Dr. Martin Smith and the members of the SNACC Neurocritical Care Committee and are reported elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

4) Growth of the organization – SNACC wants to further expand its membership by providing more content, helpful services and exciting opportunities for those members interested in becoming active in the society. SNACC aims to expand sponsorship for the annual meeting as well as to establish year-around sponsorship from corporate donors who wish to support SNACC's exciting mission. The dues for national and international members have been equalized with the aim of attracting a more diverse membership that we anticipate will strengthen the organization and provide a wider reach of our mission. Finally, we will continue to build relationships with other key organizations that share common interest in the neurosciences in perioperative medicine.

For all of these initiatives, SNACC needs active committees that serve as the engine, propelling the organization forward. Several of the committees, already hard at work, want to recruit additional members to become involved in this crucial work of the society. Please let me or the relevant committee chair know if you are interested in becoming involved in such work.

Third, following prolonged and intense deliberation, the SNACC Board of Directors decided to move our service contract from ASA management to Ruggles Service Corp., effective May 1, 2012. This decision was made following an in-depth evaluation of all aspects of SNACC's service provision needs, as well as our strategic plans and aspirations. Moving to Ruggles is therefore a business decision based on cost and service levels. The Board of Directors is convinced that the new management company will provide improved support to the society and its membership and thus facilitate our growth and prosperity.

Despite our change in management, SNACC and ASA will continue to work closely together on areas of common interest. We have received clear signals from the ASA physician leaders that they support this and see great benefit for both organizations from this continued collaboration. This will include mutual marketing of the annual meetings on both the ASA and SNACC websites and the annual meeting brochures, as well as collaboration regarding meeting space, hotel accommodations, CME accreditation and important initiatives such as the Anesthesia Quality Institute and guideline development. Although our management company will change, in all other respects SNACC looks forward to continuing its long and strong relationship with ASA.

Finally, SNACC is about to sign a contract that will renew its close and long-term relationship with the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology (JNA)*. This decision follows recommendations from a special task force that carefully evaluated all options, and subsequent deliberations and agreement by the SNACC Board of Directors. This stronger partnership between SNACC and *JNA* will provide a vehicle that will pave the way for our ambitions to strengthen the scientific output of the SNACC community.

The year ahead therefore holds both exciting opportunities as well as challenges, but we will work hard to provide what has become expected of us during this 40th anniversary year. To be able to celebrate in years to come, we need to enhance our educational mission and we can only excel in this and other areas with your support and commitment. I look forward to sharing this path toward a vibrant future together.

Report of the 39th SNACC Annual Meeting

Kristin Engelhard, M.D., Ph.D
Vice President for Education and Scientific Affairs



The SNACC 38th Annual Meeting was held on October 13-14, 2010, at the Chicago Marriott Hotel Downtown, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting took the usual format of Workshops and the Dinner Symposium on Thursday and the main Scientific Meeting all day Friday.

On Thursday afternoon, two concurrent workshop sessions were provided. The Neurophysiologic Monitoring Workshop was organized by Dr. Antoun Koht, together with the co-directors of the workshop, Dr. Tod Sloan and Dr. Richard Toleikis. The organizers split the sessions into neurophysiologic monitoring during carotid surgery, cervical spine surgery, thoracic and lumbar spine surgery, cerebral aneurysm surgery, and posterior fossa surgery. Similar to last year, the workshop was well attended and extremely successful.

The second workshop on How to Prepare a Publishable Manuscript was organized by Dr. Deborah J. Culley. Lectures were given by highly acknowledged experts. First Dr. William Lanier presented on “Overcoming Writer’s Block and Other Obstacles to Scientific Writing,” followed by a lecture from David S. Warner on “Common Pitfalls That Will Prevent Your Paper From Being Published.” The last speaker, Dr. Michael M. Todd, explained “What to Do When Your Paper is Rejected.” The lectures were followed by a one-to-one mentoring of a manuscript in process. This was possible because additional senior mentors volunteered

to help during this workshop and it was a good opportunity for interaction between peers.



The Thursday evening SNACC Dinner Symposium was dedicated to an update on three well known and often-used perioperative neuromonitoring techniques. First, Dr. Hillary P. Grocott talked about “NIRS - When Should We Use It?” and he first explained the technique of NIRS, followed by a critical appraisal of this technique. The second speaker, Dr. Arthur Lam, discussed the topic “PtiO₂ and Outcome After Neuronal Damage”, and provided a comprehensive summary the ongoing recent research on the validity of PtiO₂ measurement. This was followed by the talk of Dr. P. Schramm on “TCD-Cerebrovascular Autoregulation in Critical Care Patients,” who presented the latest results of his research about the integrity of the cerebrovascular autoregulation in patients with lung injury, kidney failure and sepsis at the intensive care unit.

Following breakfast and registration on Friday, the scientific program started with the welcome address of SNACC’s President, Dr. Monica Vavilala. The first Mini Symposium had the central topic of “Sleep” and was moderated by Dr. Martin Smith. First,



Poster Viewing moderated by George Mashour, M.D.

Dr. Mark Opp explained the scientific background of sleep and its relevance to clinical practice. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Klerman who focused on circadian rhythms and the effects of sleep disturbance on human performance, including that of clinicians. The Mini Symposium ended with a lecture by Dr. Pratik Pandharipande about the relation between sleep disturbance and delirium in critically ill patients and its impact on outcome of these patients.



Teacher of the Year William Lanier, Jr., M.D., FACA



Travel Award Winners

After these talks, the first Poster Session followed. The audience had sufficient time to attend the moderated poster sessions for the first half of the 127 accepted posters. The presented posters were of high quality, and the discussions were vivid between the audience and the presenters.



Distinguished Service Award David Warner, M.D.

During the Business Lunch, the SNACC Teacher of the Year Award was presented to former SNACC President Dr. William Lanier, from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, for his outstanding tribute to the education of multiple generations of students and residents in the field of neuroanesthesia. Dr. David Warner from the Duke University Medical Center in Durham was honored with the SNACC Distinguished Service Award for his substantial lifetime contributions to the specialty of neuroanesthesia and critical care. He has served SNACC since 1985 in many different roles and was SNACC President in 1994. Dr. Lisa Wise-Faberowski presented the Travel Awards, which have been donated by a grant of the Integra Foundation to Dr. Dinesh Pal, Dr. Eva-Verena Schaible, Dr. Fransisca Indraswari, Dr. Denis Jordan, and Dr. Vijay K. Ramaiah for the high quality of their submitted scientific abstracts.

The membership elected Dr. Deborah Culley as Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Marc Bloom as Vice President for Communications, and Dr. Rafi Avitsian and Dr. Jeffrey Pasternak as Directors-at-Large.

After the elections, Dr. Armin Schubert presented a comprehensive overview on the interaction of SNACC and FAER. This was followed by a tribute to Dr. Jane Matjasko, who died earlier this year; Dr. Patricia Petrozza and Dr. Gary Fiskum gave a wonderful and moving speech. Former SNACC President Dr. Matjasko was remembered as an enthusiastic teacher and good friend to many of the SNACC members. In the early years of SNACC, Dr. Matjasko laid down the tracks for the strong international society of neuroanesthesiologists and neuroscientists, which SNACC presents today.



The John D. Michenfelder New Investigator Award
-Eric Snell, M.D., Ph.D.

After the business lunch, the annual John D. Michenfelder New Investigator Award (donated by Integra Foundation) was presented to Dr. Eric Schnell for his work “Neuroigin Overexpression Drives Synapse Formation During Adult Hippocampal Neurogenesis.”

The topic of the second Mini Symposium was “Acute Ischemic Stroke,” which was moderated by Dr. Pekka Talke. During the first talk, Dr. David Warner gave a comprehensive overview of the underlying pathophysiologic mechanisms of cerebral ischemia in acute ischemic stroke. As the next speaker, Dr. Thomas Bleck described the acute and intensive care management of acute

ischemic stroke. This was followed by a very entertaining speech by Dr. Adrian Gelb on the anesthetic techniques and goals in patients undergoing interventional management (e.g., cerebral angiography) in patients with cerebrovascular diseases.

Following the successful second Poster Session, the SNACC Journal Club was moderated by Dr. Deborah Culley and Dr. William Armstead. Three authors of outstanding publications had been selected to present content from their recent experimental investigations. Dr. Marcela Vizcaychipi talked about “Heat Shock Protein 72 Overexpression Prevents Early Postoperative Memory Decline After Orthopedic Surgery Under General Anesthesia in Mice,” Dr. William Young’s topic was “Arteriovenous Malformation in the Adult Mouse Brain Resembling the Human Disease,” and Dr. Serge Thal summarized his findings on “Inhibition of Myosin Light Chain Kinase Reduces Brain Edema Formation after Traumatic Brain Injury.”

The Pro-Con Debate was focused with the question of whether “A Neuroanesthesiologist Is Essential for all Intracranial Neurosurgical Procedures” and was moderated by Dr. John Drummond. Dr. Karen Domino provided very good arguments in favor of having specialized neuroanesthesiologists, while Dr. Michael Todd used some honest and realistic insights about why we cannot afford the demand for a specialized neuroanesthesiologist. After this lively debate, Dr. Monica Vavilala gave closing remarks and invited everybody to the traditional wine and cheese reception.

Save the date... SNACC 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting

October 11-12, 2012 · Omnishoreham Hotel · Washington, DC

For more information about SNACC, the Annual Meeting, member benefits, educational resources, and committee activities contact us at snacc@snacc.org or visit us on the web site at www.snacc.org

Education Committee is as Busy as a Bee

Rafi Avitsian, M.D.
Chair, Education Committee

The Education Committee has been very busy in the last few months. The members of the committee met during the Chicago SNACC Annual Meeting, where a list of upcoming educational projects was developed. These projects are in alliance with the strategic planning of the SNACC Board of Directors and are prioritized according to our needs. After the meeting, the committee members have been in communication through regular conference calls, and I can testify to a sense of excitement within the members who are enthusiastic to improve the educational activities and resources. Thus, we have added three new members, Dr. Lauryn Rochlen, Dr. Alana Flexman and Dr. Federico Bilotta to our committee to help us achieve our goals for this year.

The “Chat with the Author” project has been very well received. We were surprised about the number of hits that this portion of the website has provided. This has encouraged us to amplify our efforts to increase the number of interviews. We have two new, exciting interviews with Dr. Michael Todd and Dr. Michael Avidan. I was so happy to hear that Dr. Todd described the process as “fun,” and he showed an interest to have more interviews. Mike, you have to keep your word! Another inspiring interview soon to be added focuses on Dr. Lorri Lee and the hot topic

of ischemic optic neuropathy and her recent study published in *Anesthesiology*. We do encourage our members to log in and listen to these valuable, albeit short, interviews.

Our bibliography is outdated: that is why Drs. Laurel Moore and Deepak Sharma have started reviewing and renewing it. They have already contacted some members to ask their assistance in sending useful bibliography material to add to our website.



The committee has identified a very important factor in attracting more of our members, especially the trainees and young members, in visiting our educational resources. This vital piece of the puzzle is an interactive method of communication within the website where members can post their questions, comments and ideas. We have been contacting the Communications Committee, who is working on this to provide the best way of implementing this method. More to come on this issue...

Calling All SNACC Members

Volunteers are at the heart of SNACC. We invite our members every year to assist the Society governance by serving as volunteer leaders, not just for our board, but also for each of these member committees: International Relations, Scientific Affairs, Neurocritical Care Committee, Communications and Education sub-committees on Neuromonitoring. To volunteer to serve on a committee, contact snacc@snacc.org.

Communications Committee Changing the Way We Communicate as a Society

Marc J Bloom, M.D., Ph.D.
Vice President for Communications

With the changing of the VP for Communications comes a new approach to the use of Internet resources to further the goals of the society. It is our intent to make the SNACC web pages a resource that members can turn to for information not only about society activities, but also for a wider supply of information.

The SNACC website is to be the formal and academic venue, but recognizing the need for a less formal and more social interaction among members, a Facebook group has also been created and will allow for more spontaneous interaction. We have also established a Twitter feed, and the plan is to provide tweets based on feedback from members on what they find useful.

Here is a list of objectives for the Communications Committee, the progress thus far, and the goals for the coming year.

Objectives:

Assemble a communications committee and review their mandate.

Revise and update the SNACC web pages.

Expand the functions of the web pages.

Build a Facebook presence and draw members to be friends.

Promote a Twitter feed and gather followers.

Send e-blasts about the 2011 meeting and incorporate into the website.

Send periodic e-blasts with news and information about society activities.

Send newsletters in the usual timeframes (winter, spring, fall).

Produce a PR campaign for SNACC's 40th anniversary and the society in general.

Progress Summary

- Assembled the committee. Active participants of the committee at this time are:
 - Marc Bloom – chair
 - Andrew Kofke – past chair
 - Reza Gorji – working on online presences and print ads, also liason to Education Committee and the ASA webmasters.
 - Eugenia Ayrian – working on educational content for the website, and Google+ enhancements
 - James Blair – writing for the newsletter and e-blast content, World Congress report
 - Jim McGreal – Web page development and support
 - Karen Huley – coordinates all the information going into the newsletter, e-blasts and web pages.
- SNACC web pages have been updated: www.SNACC.org
 - New presidential message
 - New chat with author Michael Todd
 - New archive of past Newsletters
www.snacc.org/newsletter.php
 - Splash page for the 2012 Annual Meeting
 - Updated flash photos and photo gallery
 - New Tribute to Jane Matjasko
www.snacc.org/history.php
 - Updated Board of Directors
 - New committee file exchange area
 - Award pages and tributes updated
 - New section with neuroscience resources created with a link to the International Consortium for Electroencephalography Training of Anesthesia Practitioners (ICE-TAP)
 - Reciprocal links created to/from Neurocritical Care Society



- Facebook pages and group established
www.facebook.com/groups/snacc.org
 - Page has links and “likes” to other neuroscience presences on Facebook
 - 35 people follow the Facebook page since established in November
 - Our total weekly reach is increasing steadily and is now around 50.
 - The first instant survey (brain protection) is beginning to draw responses
 - The SNACC Group on Facebook now has 35 members and an e-blast solicits all of the members to join.
- SNACC has a Twitter feed. (@SNACC) – No one actively tweeting yet
- eBlasts are going out ad hoc – a more regular schedule as we get more content
- PR campaign for the 40th Annual Meeting is formulated in collaboration with Andy Kofke’s task force.
- Planning a wider PR campaign for SNACC in general.
- Text or video chat sessions scheduled to bring SNACC members together
- Placing Facebook ads to promote SNACC to the broader medical community
- Twitter feeds
 - Have someone tweet from meetings they attend
 - Tweet “hot” article links on relevant topics (particularly from *JNA*)
- Google+ Circles
 - SNACC circle has been shared with members found with Google account – expand
 - Complete SNACC communication committee Circle to hold online meetings
 - Create newsletter area to offload gathering by Karen Hurley
- E-blasts
 - Call for abstracts will go out in the next e-blast
 - Solicit “Member News” about education, research or clinical care initiatives
 - Establish content stream for more regular eBlasts.

■ NEWSLETTERS

■ Winter/Spring – March

- SNACC Meeting Report
- NCS Meeting Report
- Neurotrauma Meeting Report
- President Column
- *JNA* Report
- Education Committee
- Scientific Affairs Committee Report
- Call for Award Nominations

■ Summer – early June

- Call for Nominations
- ASA Neurotrack Preliminary Plans
- Call for Award Nominations
- SNACC Meeting Announcement and Agenda Plans
- SFN Meeting report – Scientific Affairs Committee
- International Meetings and News
- Education Committee
- Scientific Affairs Committee Report
- Committee Reports

Goals for 2012

- Further updates and enhancements to the website
 - Greatly expanded Annual Meeting area as the information is officially released
 - Post web pages on the 2011 annual meeting
 - Expansion of the case discussions and teaching topics with focus on ABA Board questions to draw more resident interest
 - Search functions for the website, especially the archives and the bibliography
 - Expanded member information with brief bios and photos possible
 - Article of the month, with discussion (for members only)
 - Area for members to seek research collaborators
 - Archive meeting abstracts and posters
 - Videos of featured presentations from our meetings
- Facebook enhancements
 - More survey questions to prompt interaction among members
 - Consideration of an “Ask a question” area for the public (with disclaimers about vetting from SNACC)
 - Bi-weekly Q & A with the president
 - Fellowship pros and cons discussion for residents
 - Apps reviews and ratings

- Fall – early October
 - Meeting Plans detailed
 - Breakfast Panel
 - ASA Neurotrack
 - Officer Nominee Bios
 - Call for Committee Members
 - Nominating Committee Report
 - Neurotrauma Society Meeting Report
 - International Meetings and News
 - Education Committee
 - Scientific Affairs Committee Report
 - President's Column
- PR
 - Ad in journals (print and online)
 - Google ad words to improve search results
 - Essay contest
 - Formulate a wider PR campaign for the society.

If any members feel the urge to help in any of these efforts, you are more than welcome to join the committee. We hope to see you all online soon!

News From the SNACC Neurocritical Care Committee

Martin Smith, M.D.

Chair, Neurocritical Care Committee

I was privileged to represent SNACC at a recent meeting with Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) leaders to discuss liaison between the two societies. We have much in common and both parties welcome closer ties. In summary, we agreed at this stage to explore further collaboration in the following areas:

The establishment of jointly sponsored sessions at the SNACC and NCS annual meetings. We have already agreed upon such a session for the SNACC 2012 40th Anniversary meeting and hope to reciprocate this at the 2012 meeting of the NCS.

SNACC will be invited to provide input to relevant modules of the Emergency Neurological Life Support (ELNS) initiative being developed by the NCS.

<http://www.neurocriticalcare.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3756>.

SNACC is a joint sponsor, with the NCS and the critical care and emergency neurology section of the AAN, of a one-year UCNS-accredited fellowship in neurocritical care.

The SNACC Neurocritical Care Committee has recently canvassed for expressions of interest from members who wish to become involved in the work of the committee. If you missed this call and wish to be considered for membership, please contact me at martin.smith@uclh.nhs.uk. If you have a clinical commitment to neurocritical care, please consider offering your expertise to this committee.



Report From Scientific Affairs Committee

Deborah Culley, M.D.
Chair, Scientific Affairs Committee
Brigham and Womans' Hospital

The Scientific Affairs Committee is looking forward to celebrating SNACC's 40th Anniversary during our next annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The Committee members for 2012 include: Drs. William Armstead, Sergio Bergese, Karen Domino, Lisa Faberowski, Ehab Farag, Dhanesh Gupta, Luke James, Yoshanti Kenji, Chanannait Paisansathan, Jeffery Pasternak, Piyush Patel, Raymond Roginski, Laszlo Vutskits, Alexander Zlotnik, and Zhiyi Zuo. These committee members will remain very busy during the year participating in a number of activities including grading of scientific abstracts, grading of the John D. Michenfelder Award, organizing poster moderators, development of mentoring programs, and evaluation of surveys for potential distribution to SNACC members.

The Annual Meeting abstract submission website is expected to go live on May 1, 2012. The committee anticipates the review a large body of spectacular science. In honor of

SNACC's 40th Anniversary the committee aims to recruit a large number of Past Presidents to participate as poster moderators to facilitate lively discussions.

On Thursday October 11th the Scientific Affairs Committee will again present a "How to publish a paper" workshop that will be open to everyone regardless of experience. This workshop will include lectures from experienced authors and editors including William Lanier, David Warner, Mike Todd and John Hartung. This year there will be no requirement to submit a manuscript proposal to attend the workshop that will be quite useful to anyone anticipating preparation of a manuscript.



We look forward to seeing you at SNACC's 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting.

2012 Dues Renewals

Renew your membership in SNACC today. Every day neuroanesthesiologists and neuroscientists enlighten others on the value of SNACC and supporting it. That's because we believe in the power of SNACC's membership. Go to www.snacc.org to renew your membership and take advantage of our many member benefits.

Update From SNACC Outreach

Monica S. Vavilala
Chair, SNACC Outreach
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The first edition of the “Guidelines for the Acute Medical Management of Severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in Infants, Children, and Adolescents” was published eight years ago in 2003 (Pediatric Critical Care Medicine). The second edition has just been released in January 2012 and SNACC is pleased to let our members know that we are an endorsing organization of this important piece of interdisciplinary work. Work done on this project was funded by the Brain Trauma Foundation and the Charles Maddock Foundation and spearheaded by Dr. Patrick Kochanek from the Safar Center for Resuscitation Research at the University of Pittsburgh. SNACC is one of the sponsoring organizations alongside other internationally prominent adult and pediatric academic medical societies such as the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Child Neurology Society, European Society of Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care, Neurocritical Care Society, Pediatric Neurocritical Care Research Group, Society of Critical Care Medicine, The Paediatric Intensive Care Society (U.K.), and the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies.

Although many of us may not treat children with severe TBI, SNACC has a long history of scientific expertise in TBI, and this is well recognized by specialties outside of anesthesiology. There are some changes from the first edition of these guidelines worth mentioning: 1) The levels of recommendation were changed from “standard, guideline, and option” to “level I, level

II, and level III,” respectively; 2) New chapters on Advanced Neuromonitoring and Neuroimaging were added; 3) Some chapters were eliminated; and 4) representation was broadened to include anesthesiology and international experts. I joined this working group nearly two years ago, helped review hundreds of articles, and participated in discussions with TBI experts around the world. This was a fantastic experience for me personally but, most important, also gave me the opportunity to highlight SNACC beyond the walls of anesthesiology. In this regard, I would like to thank the SNACC Board of Directors and Sol Soriano for participating in an internal review and endorsement process of these guidelines.



Please visit this website to see SNACC highlighted as a sponsoring organization:

http://journals.lww.com/pccmjournals/Fulltext/2012/01001/Guidelines_for_the_Acute_Medical_Management_of.1.aspx

SNACC Outreach is working closely within SNACC and with other medical societies to increase SNACC’s visibility and collaboration. We are, therefore, seeking volunteers with the interest, time and expertise to help with this important strategic initiative. Please contact me if outreach is your forte and if you are one of those persons!

SNACC Turns 40, JNA Turns 24 ... Partners for 20 Years!

The SNACC/JNA relationship is being shored up by a contract that will take it from a domestic partnership to a May-December marriage ... as soon as lawyers from Lippincott Williams & Wilkins put finishing touches on the pre-nup.

In February 2011, JNA initiated a substantial increase in utilization of guest reviewers. Accordingly, while volume 23:2 (April 2011) acknowledged 30 guest reviewers, volume 24:2 (April 2012) acknowledges 112 guest reviewers. In addition to facilitating review of increasingly specialized submissions that are in keeping with JNA's new status as *The Journal of the Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care*, involvement of more external reviewers increases awareness of JNA, and so SNACC, within the neuroscience community.

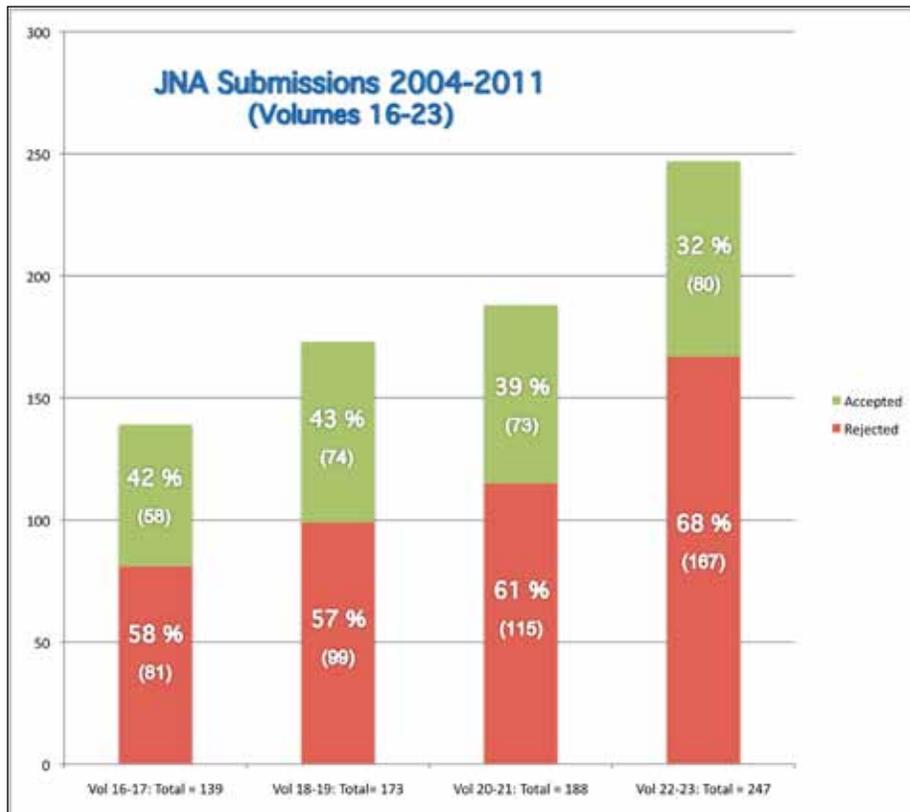
JNA's impact factor remains solidly in the top half of 26 journals included under *Anesthesiology*. As SNACC's journal, JNA now reaches more than 1,822 universities, pharmaceutical companies, corporations, medical schools and hospitals via paid online subscriptions, is available for free to more than 4,100

institutions in 109 HINARI nations (per capita GNP <\$1,250) and was accessed during 98,770 web sessions in 2010 (most recent compilation).

Per the figure below, submission of Clinical Investigations, Laboratory Investigations, Review Articles and Clinical Reports has increased by 78 percent since 2004-05 and by 31 percent since 2008-09, while acceptance rates have decreased by 24 percent and 18 percent, respectively.

All of which is not to suggest that JNA has a diminished desire for submissions from SNACC members! No siree! Twenty years of domestic partnership and pending nuptials have not diminished that desire one bit. Please send some of your best work to your society's journal.

Thank you,
 Jim Cottrell, Editor In-Chief
 John Hartung, Associate Editor



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