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There is much to celebrate at the *American Journal of Neuroradiology* (*AJNR*). Thanks to the strong efforts of our recently appointed Editors¹ and dedicated reviewer pool, the *AJNR* has now reduced its median time from submission to first decision after peer review to an astounding 17 days. We have also launched our Academy of Reviewer resources² to aid our reviewers in the peer review process. Moreover, we published our first electronic “preprints” of accepted manuscripts thanks to the adoption of our *AJNR* manuscript templates by the contributing authors.³ These preprints are indexed and citable 1–3 business days after acceptance to facilitate rapid dissemination of our articles. Today, we also have the opportunity to recognize some of the finest articles published in the *AJNR* with the 2024 *AJNR* journal award nominees.

We have a long-standing annual tradition at the *AJNR* of awarding the *AJNR* Lucien Levy Best Research Article Award to an original research article with the highest impact on our field. This award is named after the late Dr Levy, MD, PhD, Senior Editor for the *AJNR* from 2007 to 2013.⁴ We eagerly await continuing this tradition and awarding the 2024 recipient at ASNR24 this May in Las Vegas. In addition, we are also pleased to announce the creation of 3 new, additional awards to celebrate the high-impact research articles specifically from our diverse authorship: 1) *AJNR* Early Career Award, 2) *AJNR* Women in Neuroradiology Award, and 3) *AJNR* Global Neuroradiology Award.

We believe that our *AJNR* accolades should celebrate the accomplishments of the multitude of voices within our neuroradiology community. For our *AJNR* Early Career Award, we want to recognize our trainees and young faculty because they are the future of our field. This recognition will empower them at the start of their careers in their path towards becoming future leaders in neuroradiology. Our *AJNR* Women in Neuroradiology Award acknowledges the leading female voices in our field. Because women remain underrepresented in neuroradiology

across all levels, spanning from the trainee level (~20% are women)⁵ to academic leadership ranks (~13% are women),⁶ their achievements are often overlooked. Last, with the *AJNR* Global Neuroradiology Award, we want to recognize our colleagues beyond North America as well as our growing number of international medical graduates⁵ and visiting scholars who come to our country to make great contributions to our field.

Importantly, we also want to hear all your voices when selecting the 2024 *AJNR* journal awards. We will now include a public voting process for our 4 journal awards recognizing the *AJNR* articles with high impact on our field. The nominees for all awards and instructions to vote can be found at the *AJNR* website: ajnr.org/awards. We will announce the winning articles at ASNR24 this May at our *AJNR* booth in the exhibit hall. We encourage you to visit our *AJNR* booth to celebrate our awardees and meet our new Editorial Board to share any ideas you may have for the *AJNR*.

In closing, we would like to thank the nominated authors for their great contributions, the reviewers for their valuable time, and you for your loyal readership. Congratulations to all the nominees, and we look forward to awarding our 2024 *AJNR* Lucien Levy Best Research Article Award as well as our inaugural *AJNR* Early Career, Women in Neuroradiology, and Global Neuroradiology Awards at the ASNR24 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas this May!

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