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Research Group Activities 2011

The Research Group on the History of the Neurosciences is organizing a symposium at the 2013 World Congress of Neurology in Vienna on the topic of **History of Evolutionary thinking in Neurology**. It will be published in the Research Group's official peer-reviewed journal, the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences* (Stanley Finger, Peter J. Koehler and Malcolm MacMillan, editors). The Vienna Symposium is likely to be an authoritative source on evolutionary concepts in neurology. The symposium will cover the medieval period, the Darwinian century and evolution in 29th century neurology. Contributors will present original research, though the topic will be familiar to practicing neurologists. The Symposium includes the following chapters:

- A. Karenberg (Cologne): Medieval ideas about the anatomy and physiology of the nervous system
- G. York (Davis) The Darwinian Century in Neurology
- D. Steinberg (Fiddletown): Evolution in 20th century neurology

Future activities

The Research Group is planning to sponsor a symposium at each of the future World Congresses, and to publish each of these symposia in its official journal. The leadership aims that these symposia continue the tradition of presenting original work at the World Congress, and that the subsequent publications be the definitive history of the topic chosen.

It is worth pointing out that Thomson Reuters has released its 2011 Impact Factor data, and the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences's* impact factor has gone up to 0.425 from 0.229 in 2010. It now ranks 30 of 56 journals in the History and Philosophy of Science. The journal's 5-year impact factor is 0.538.

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