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Twelve volumes, all double issues, featuring 403 articles and the Cumulative Author/Subject Index were published. These included the following:

Special Issue 265.1-2 (February 15) “Minding the Brain: Stem Cells and Repair in Multiple Sclerosis. European Charcot Foundation Symposium, Taormina, Italy, 16-18 November 2006. Guest Editors: O R Hommes and M Friedrichs.

Special Section 266.1-2 (March 15) “Parkinson’s Disease Revisited. Guest Editor: Daniel D Truong.

Special Issue 274.1-2 (November 15) “Treatment Targets in Multiple Sclerosis: The ends and the means.” European Charcot Foundation Symposium 2007, Fiuggi, Italy, 29 November – 1 December 2007. Guest Editors: O R Hommes and M Friedrichs.

All submissions to the journal were made through the Elsevier Electronic System (EES) as was the review process. EES has accelerated both the submission rate and the review process. There were 1032 submissions for the year. 323 manuscripts were accepted in 2008 and 709 manuscripts were rejected.

The distribution of manuscripts accepted by country parallels that of the past ten years. The top three ranked countries were USA (21%), Japan (17.6%), and Italy (9.3%). These three countries alone accounted for 155 of all manuscripts accepted in 2008. Geographically, accepted manuscripts were as follows: Africa 5; Asia 78; Australia/New Zealand 2; Eastern Europe 5; Japan 57; Middle East 13; Scandinavia 5; South/Central America/Mexico 14; USA and Canada 72; and Western Europe 72.

Clinical research still dominates every issue. 10.6% of all submissions were basic (non-human) research. *Ad hoc* reviewers were acknowledged in the April issue, 267.

One change was made to the editorial board. Amadou Gallo Diop from Senegal joined the board.

A Special Report was in volume 268:1-5 “The WFN comes of age” by Lord John Walton of Detchant, past president of WFN 1989-1997.