

## INTRODUCTION

More than thirty years have elapsed since we published the first issue of the Annual Bulletin in 1967.

The Research Institute of Logopedics and Phoniatics (RILP), which had been associated with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Tokyo since 1965, was reorganized as a graduate school department in April 1997 in accordance with the conversion of the Faculty of Medicine into the Graduate School of Medicine. By the end of 1995, it was decided that each of the Research Institutes associated with the Faculty of Medicine, i. e., the Institute for Brain Research, the Research Institute of Medical Electronics and the RILP, would be integrated into the new graduate school.

In April 1997, the three departments of the RILP were merged to form the Speech and Cognitive Science Section, one of three Sections within the Division of Neuroscience. The Speech and Cognitive Science Section includes three departments: Speech Science, Speech Physiology and Cognitive Neuroscience, which were formed from the original RILP. The two other Sections in the Division of Neuroscience are Basic Neuroscience and Clinical Neuroscience. The Basic Neuroscience Section is composed of three departments, Neuropathology, Neurochemistry and Neurobiology, which were formed from departments within the former Research Institute for Brain Research. The members of the Clinical Neuroscience Section are Neurosurgery, Psychiatry, and Neurology, which were formed from Clinical Departments.

Last year, we celebrated the thirty-second anniversary of the founding of the RILP. The former RILP has now been reorganized as a member of the Division of Neuroscience. This is thus the last issue of the Annual Bulletin of the RILP.

The RILP contributed not only to logopedics and phoniatics but also to speech and linguistic sciences in Japan. Within the context of recent advances in the neuroscience of speech and language, we continue to feel that we have a mission to make contribute to and stimulate research in the areas of speech and the brain, language and the brain, and more widely, cognition and the brain.

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