

THE SERIES AND THE VOLUMES OF EPILEPSIA – AN ESSAY IN CONFUSION

Epilepsia has had a confusing system of numbering its issues, due to the interruption of publication on three occasions (creating four 'series') and changes in editorial policy. The original concept was of a single volume annually, each comprising four quarterly issues. Actually, in 6 years of its existence, only five volumes were produced. When the second series was initiated in 1937, it was planned to have one volume covering a 4-year period, with one issue a year. This scheme was followed between 1937 and 1948, but the last volume (IV) comprised only two issues before publication again ceased. When *Epilepsia* was resuscitated again in 1952, it was intended to publish one volume in a single issue each year. This plan was followed for 4 years and again publication ceased. The fourth series was launched in 1959, with one volume a year comprising initially four issues each year. The first volume actually occupied 2 years and contained five issues. In 1978, the journal expanded to six issues a year, and in 1995 there was a further major increase in size to 12 issues a year. The term 'series IV' was dropped in 1974, although the volume numbering (i.e. 1974 = volume 15) was continued.

Series I.

Volume 1	4 instalments:	1909–10
Volume 2e	4 instalments:	1910–11
Volume 3e	4 instalments and <i>Ergänzungsheft</i> (supplement):	1911–12
Volume 4e	4 instalments:	1912–13
Volume 5e	4 instalments:	1914–15

Series II.

Volume 1	4 issues:	1937, 1938, 1939, 1940
Volume 2	4 issues:	1941, 1942, 1943, 1944
Volume 3	4 issues:	1945, 1946, 1947, 1948
Volume 4	2 issues:	1949, 1950

Series III.

Volume 1		1952
Volume 2		1953
Volume 3		1954
Volume 4		1955

Series IV.

Volume 1	5 issues:	1959/1960
Volume 2–18	4 issues a year: except for the printing of extra issues in 1972 (6 issues) and 1975 (5 issues)	1961–1977
Volume 19–35	4 issues a year:	1978–1994
Volume 36–	12 issues a year:	1995–present