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Ref: Jovan Simeon, M.D.

Dear Nancy,

I am pleased to recommend the 'promotion' of Dr. Jovan Simeon to Member of the ACNP.

I have known of Jovan's work since 1965 when he came to join me at the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry. His early training was dedicated to the problems of adult psychopharmacology and he carried out numerous studies of the clinical and laboratory effects of compounds. His interests soon focussed on the problems of pediatric psychopharmacology and since 1970, his emphasis has been in the assessment of the effects of compounds in children.

He has made some important methodologic additions to the usual assessment, defining the importance of videotape recording and analysis, and of the evoked potential in assessing drug effects. His recent interest has been in the effects of cromolyn sodium on hyperkinesia-- an innovative and novel approach to the problem of the definition and treatment of this common disorder.

He has assumed responsibility for the clinical and research programs in pediatric psychopharmacology in Ottawa. In a recent visit to his center, I was impressed with the variety of studies underway, and the enthusiasm and training of his associates. His contributions to date are listed in his c.v.; his future contributions should be most helpful in this difficult area of psychopharmacology, and I recommend him highly for promotion to Membership status.

Sincerely yours,

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