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Preface

Advances and Technical Standards in Neurosurgery was conceived in 1972 by its founding fathers Jean Brihaye, Bernard Pertuiset, Fritz Loew and Hugo Krayenbühl at a combined meeting of the Italian and German Neurosurgical Societies in Taormina. It was designed to complement the European post-graduate training system for young neurosurgeons and was first published in 1974 initially through sponsorship by the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies. All contributions have been published in English to facilitate international understanding.

The ambition of all successive editorial boards has been to provide an opportunity for mature scholarship and reflection, not constrained by artificial limits on space. The series provides a remarkable account of progress over the past 35 years, both with regard to advances, detailed descriptions of standard operative procedures and in- depth reviews of established knowledge. The present volume is no exception and should appeal to both experienced neurosurgeons and young neurosurgeons in training alike.

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