

Preface

The *European-Japanese Joint Conferences for Stroke Surgery* were initiated in 2001 by Prof. Y. Sakurai, Sendai, and Prof. Y. Yonekawa, Zürich, under the name the *Swiss-Japanese Joint Conference*. The first meeting in Zürich was dedicated to the management of subarachnoid hemorrhage and unruptured aneurysms. The renewed interest in bypass surgery and other technical aspects of neurovascular disease generated the need for a regular platform dedicated to surgical and endovascular aspects of stroke treatment and stroke prevention. The second meeting was also organized in Zürich two years later. The third meeting, now under the name of the *European-Japanese Joint Conference for Stroke Surgery*, was held in 2006 in conjunction with the 70th Anniversary of the *Neurochirurgische Universitätsklinik Zürich* founded by Prof. Krayenbühl. The fourth meeting was organized for the first time outside Switzerland and was held in Helsinki, Finland, in 2008, with Prof. Hernesniemi as the congress president.

The fifth *European-Japanese Joint Conference for Stroke Surgery* was held from 8 to 11 July 2010 in Düsseldorf, Germany. The main topics of the conference were the management of cerebral and ventricular hemorrhage, extra-intracranial bypass surgery, surgical and endovascular treatment of cervical and intracranial arterial occlusive disease, and embolization and microsurgery of AVM and dural AV fistulas. Sessions for free topics completed the program. In order to strengthen the focus on upcoming new trends, open invitation for submission of abstracts was used to constitute the majority of the program. The resulting meeting fulfilled the expectations of the organizers in that a number of emerging concepts were presented and discussed. The actual volume presents the resulting original papers of the meeting.

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