
Postface

Seen from afar, and, given my incompetence in the subject, from far afar, the topic of this book, telemicrosurgery is quite exemplary. Exemplary by its merging of knowledge drawn from diverse areas of science, exemplary by its combination of basic insight and of technical expertise, exemplary also by the intimate link between the performance of the actors/operators and the benefit to the spectators/patients. Bringing together the most recent advances in widely spread fields, always at the forefront of progress and drawing on seemingly unrelated areas, telemicrosurgery achieves triple precision in space, in size and in action. It is a celebration of science, technology and ingenuity that is changing life.

We must be deeply thankful to all those who have contributed to the saga of telemicrosurgery, to its emergence, its development, its experimental assessment, and of course foremost to its introduction into clinical practice for the great benefit of patients. The present volume aptly describes the activities in the field. It takes stock and paints the panorama as seen by major contributors, those who hold the cards in their hand, *qui tiennent les cartes en Main!*

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