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This 13th volume of *Advances in Neurosurgery* presents those papers held at the 35th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Neurosurgery in Hannover, June 13-16, 1984. Of 150 papers submitted, the program committee of the Society chose 69 for presentation. I would like to thank Professors Bock, Brock, Jensen, Wenker, and Wüllenweber for their assistance in the selection.

It was the intention of the President of the Congress at this meeting to lay special scientific emphasis on discussion. For this reason the number of papers had to be limited even more than usual in order to give all participants the opportunity for questions and the presentation of their own experience.

The main topic of the first day was *Extra-Intracranial Anastomoses*. Here the operative experience and the long-term results of these operations in the German-speaking countries were reviewed. This discussion was preceded a day earlier by a satellite symposium on the possibilities of the prophylaxis and treatment of ischemic neurological deficits following subarachnoid hemorrhage by means of calcium antagonists.

*Microsurgery at the Edge of the Tentorium* was the second main topic. In cooperation with the Society's microneurosurgery working group, only a small number of lectures were planned, but the topic was covered thoroughly in a round-table discussion.

The last topic, *Forum of Young Neurosurgeons*, consisted of three scientific sessions with short papers, where the results of clinical observations and experimental research from different centers were presented. The scientific meeting ended with an extensive round-table discussion on the currently very interesting topic of chemonucleolysis of lumbar discs.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in Hannover for the first time since the foundation in 1965 of the Medizinische Hochschule Hannover, where the Department of Neurosurgery has been working for 13 years. In recognition of his services in planning this department in the early 1960s, Professor Pia was invited to hold a special lecture, and I would like to thank him here once more for all his efforts towards the realization of the department.

At the same time, and in close proximity, the German Association of Neurosurgical Nursing also held its annual meeting. I would like to thank its administrative council for the cooperation with our Society.
Finally, I would like to thank all colleagues who contributed to the success of the 35th Annual Meeting with their presentations and their discussions. Last but not least, I want to thank Dr. Margareta Klinger for her untiring help in editing this volume, and Springer-Verlag for their cooperation and technical assistance.

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