

AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

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Letter From the Editor



*Thomas G.
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This spring, my term as Secretary-Treasurer will come to an end, as will my responsibilities as editor of *Short Cuts*. It is hard to believe that I will have completed my 11th year as a member of the Executive Committee of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. During that time, I have had the privilege of working with six superior Section Chairs: Donald H. Reigel, MD; R. Michael Scott, MD; Arthur E. Marlin, MD; Harold L. Reigate, MD; Marion L. Walker, MD; and John P. Laurent, MD.

Despite differing management styles, each of these men were incredibly supportive to the rest of us. They have brought inspiration to the committee with their personal visions, and their dedication to serving the Section membership and the children, families, and other physicians who interact with pediatric neurosurgeons. Moreover, each took on the unique issues and problems of their time with a passion. It has been a wonderful experience for me to be a part of it, and I am grateful to each of them for the chance to help.

Recognized Support

There are numerous other friends and associates that have provided support, helped with special projects, filled in at committee meetings, and provided advice and counsel over the years. Special thanks to: Ann-Christine Duhaime, MD; Jeffrey H. Wisoff, MD; Andrew D. Parent, MD; Joseph H. Piatt, Jr., MD; Alan R. Cohen, MD; Frederick A. Boop, MD; Mark S. Dias, MD; and Bruce A. Kaufman, MD. Each has served the Section for as long as I have, and all have gone out of their way to help me over the years.

The staff at the AANS National Office also has been incredibly helpful, in particular Laura Toner who was instrumental in making our Section meetings a success. Throughout my term as Secretary-Treasurer, I had the pleasure of working with numerous staff members from various departments on a range of projects, including our Section meeting, membership, accounting and the newsletter. Their dedication and solid work ethic have helped grow our Section into the new millennium.

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Pediatric Section Highlights at the 2000 AANS Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 8, 2000

Practical Clinics

8 AM–12 PM

007 Update on Pediatric Neurosurgery for the General Neurosurgeon

Director: *A. Leland Albright*
Faculty: *Ian F. Pollack, P. David Adelson, R. Michael Scott, W. Jerry Oakes, Jack Walker*

Sunday, April 9, 2000

Practical Clinics

8 AM–12 PM

023 Basic Craniofacial Reconstruction Techniques

Director: *David F. Jimenez*
Faculty: *Constance Barone, James Goodrich, Carlos David, Robert Keating*

025 Pediatric Trauma

Directors: *Alex B. Valadka, P. David Adelson*
Faculty: *Douglas Brockmeyer, Ann-Christine Dubaime, Thomas G. Luerssen, Michael Partington, John Ragheb, Bruce Cherny*

1–5 PM

039 Advanced Craniofacial Reconstruction Techniques

Director: *David F. Jimenez*
Faculty: *Constance Barone, James Goodrich, Sidney Eisig, Carlos David, Robert Keating*

Monday, April 10, 2000

Breakfast Seminars

7:30–9:30 AM

118 Pediatric Head Injury

Moderator: *Bruce A. Kaufman*
Panelists: *Ann-Christine Dubaime, Thomas G. Luerssen, Alexa I. Canady, Ann Marie Flannery*

119 Contemporary Management of Synostosis

Moderator: *J. Gordon McComb*
Panelists: *Jeffrey H. Wisoff, David F. Jimenez, Paul M. Kanev*

Scientific Session I

2:45–5:15 PM

Moderator: *Stewart B. Dunsker*
Co-Moderator: *William A. Friedman*

708 Surgical Management of Pediatric Cushing's Disease

Faculty: *Robert J. Weil, J. Johnson, George Chrousos, John L. Doppman, Hetty DeVroom, Lynette K. Nieman, Edward H. Oldfield*
Discussant: *Edward R. Laws, Jr.*

Scientific Session IV

2:45–5:15 PM

Moderator: *Roberto C. Heros*
Co-Moderator: *William F. Chandler*

739 Moderate Closed Head Injury in Childhood: Incidence and Outcome

Faculty: *Jill W. Donaldson, Thomas G. Luerssen*
Discussant: *P. David Adelson*

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Breakfast Seminars

7:30–9:30 AM

205 Pathophysiology, Evaluation and Contemporary Management Options for Chiari Malformations

Moderator: *Peter W. Carmel*
Panelists: *Thomas H. Milhorat, Edward H. Oldfield, W. Jerry Oakes, Karin M. Muraszko*

216 Intra-Uterine Repair of Myelomeningoceles

Director: *David G. McLone*
Faculty: *Leslie N. Sutton, Noel Tulipan, Timothy M. George, Bruce B. Storrs*

218 Advances in the Management of Pediatric Brain Tumors

Moderator: *Robin P. Humphreys*
Panelists: *Jeffrey H. Wisoff, Frederick J. Epstein, Maurice Choux, Liliana C. Goumnerova*



Golden Gate Bridge. SFCVB photo by Phil Coblentz.

219 Neurosurgical Management of Spasticity

Director: *Warwick J. Peacock*
Faculty: *Tae Sung Park, Rick Abbott, III,
Richard Daren Penn*

Plenary Session II 9:45–11:20 AM

Moderator: *Martin H. Weiss*
Co-Moderator: *Paul C. McCormick*

749 Correlation of Neurosurgical Subspecialization With Outcomes of Children With Malignant Brain Tumors

Faculty: *A. Leland Albright, R. Sposto, Edgar M. Holmes, P. M. Zeltzer, J. M. Finlay, Jeffrey H. Wisoff, Michael S. Berger, R. J. Packer, Ian F. Pollack*
Discussant: *Stephen J. Haines*

AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery Session 2:45–5:30 PM

2:45–3:30 PM

Matson Memorial Lecture

3:30–3:45 PM

Kenneth Shulman Memorial Lecture

Moderators: *John P. Laurent, MD
Rick Abbott, III, MD*

Scientific Session 4–5:30 PM

Moderators: *TBD*

820 Division of the Transverse Sinus and Tentorium Cerebelli to Allow Vault Expansion and Posterior Fossa Decompression in the Treatment of Chiari II Malformation

*Timothy Burson, Michael S. Muhlbauer,
Robert A. Sanford, Raymond Fryrear*

821 Measurements of Regional Cerebral Blood Flow and Vascular Reserve in Pediatric Moyamoya Disease Before and After Encephaloduroarteriosynangiosis

*Hyung-Jin Shin, Sang-Eun Kim,
Do-Hyun Nam, Kwan Park, Jong Hyun Kim*

822 A Decrease in Motor Evoked Potential Latencies After Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy

*Dileep R. Nair, Imad Najm,
Mark G. Luciano*

823 The Significance of Invasion of Neural Tissue on Survival in Pediatric Patients with Craniopharyngiomas

*Charles Y. Liu, Michael L. Levy,
Floyd H. Giles, J. Gordon McComb*

824 Predictors of Mortality in Pediatric Shunted Hydrocephalus

*Julian Spears, Sagun K. Tuli,
James M. Drake, Maria Lamberti-Pasculli*



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825 Abnormal Filum Terminale
*Sanjay N. Misra, Frederick A. Boop,
Charles James, Charles Glasier,
Edward Angtuaco, Samuel Massey*

5:30–6 PM

Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Breakfast Seminars 7:30–9:30 AM

321 Case Studies in Pediatric Neurosurgery for the Practicing Neurosurgeon

Moderator: *Bruce B. Storrs*
Panelists: *R. Michael Scott, Harold L. Rekate,
Derek A. Bruce, Robert A. Sanford*

322 Pediatric Epilepsy

Moderator: *Warwick J. Peacock*
Panelists: *Robert J. Goodman, Glenn Morrison,
Steven N. Roper*

Bylaws Changes

Alan R. Cohen, MD

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee, the following changes in the Bylaws of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery were suggested. They are now submitted to the membership and will undergo discussion and voting at the next Business Meeting, which will take place Tuesday, April 11, 2000, in San Francisco, California.

Pediatric Joint Section Rules and Regulations Proposed Changes

Article II Membership

Section 1. Classes of Membership

Active Member. Active membership shall consist of neurological surgeons who are members of the AANS or CNS and who profess a true interest in the surgery of the pediatric patient. Active members must give proof of good professional standing and hold unrestricted licenses to practice medicine in the United States of America, its Territories, one of the Provinces of Canada or of the Republic of Mexico, and must be actively engaged in the practice of neurological surgery, unless by unanimous vote of the Board, a specific exception to this rule is deemed advisable. Active (Foreign) members are those who reside outside the United States, Canada, or Mexico, but who are Active members of the AANS or CNS. Active members shall be the only members with a vote in the affairs of the Section.

Associate Member. Associate membership may be accorded to those individuals who qualify as Associate members of the AANS or CNS and who have an interest and an expertise in the area of pediatric neurosurgery. The total Associate membership shall not exceed 10 percent of the Active membership of the Section.

Honorary Member. Honorary membership may be conferred in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

International Member. International members shall be practicing neurosurgeons residing outside of the United States of America, Canada, or the Republic of Mexico, who do not qualify as Active (Foreign) members. They shall be neurological surgeons who are certified or recognized by the peer process review in their native country. They shall be proposed and chosen because of their national and international recognition, devotion and contribution to neurological science. International members may serve on committees and as consultants, but may not vote, hold office or committee chairs.

REASON: *The purpose of these revisions is to simplify the rules and regulations and streamline the membership application process. The category, Corresponding member, which does not exist for either parent organization (AANS or CNS) has been eliminated. The category, Senior member, which does not exist in the AANS, has been eliminated. A brief description has been included about Active (Foreign) members, as this term is still used by the AANS parent organization. The name, International Associate member, has been shortened to International member for simplicity.*

The description of Active member has been changed to reflect the fact that Board certification is not necessarily mandated for membership in the Section. To apply for membership in the Section, one must be a member of the AANS or the CNS. One can be a member of the CNS without Board certification.

Section 3. Procedure for Application for Membership

A candidate for membership shall apply in writing to the Section and submit the names of two references that are Active members of the Section. A candidate for International membership shall apply in writing to the Section and submit the names of three references, at least one of whom shall be an AANS Active, Active (Foreign) or International member from the applicant's country, or an individual of international stature in that country or geographical region. The proposal shall be submitted to the membership committee at least 30 days prior to its meeting, and must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae written in English.

REASON: *The membership application process has become cumbersome. The revised application procedure is much simpler.*

Article III Dues

Section 2. Payment of Dues

Active members will be responsible for paying dues. Associate members and International members will be responsible for paying dues at 50 percent of the rate for Active members.

REASON: *Active members will continue to pay dues at 100 percent. Associate members and International members did not previously pay dues. They would now pay dues at a reduced rate to help cover administrative costs (e.g. mailings).*

Minutes From the Business Meeting

Thomas G. Luerssen, MD

AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery
Grand Hyatt Atlanta • Atlanta, Georgia
December 3, 1999

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by John P. Laurent, MD, Chairman.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous business meeting, which took place on April 28, 1999, had been published in the newsletter and on the Web site - **NEUROSURGERY://ON-CALL®**. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report

Thomas G. Luerssen, MD, reviewed the financial status of the Section. Current assets to the Section, as of June 1999, totaled \$313,514, an increase of about \$25,000 from the previous fiscal year. Net revenue to the Section was positive over the fiscal year.

There were questions from the floor concerning the costs of the current meeting. Information was not yet available regarding any net revenue or expense attributable to the meeting in 1999. Concerns about the cost of the meeting will be forwarded to the AANS Meetings Department and to the Chair of the next winter meeting. A proposal for reimbursing some categories of meeting attendees from the general funds of the Section was rejected as unworkable.

After this discussion, the financial report was approved.

Membership Committee

Ann-Christine Duhaime, MD, Chair, gave the Membership Committee report. She proposed: (1) for Active membership: John J. Collins, MD; Eric R. Trumble, MD; David Douglas Cochrane, MD; and Karin M. Muraszko, MD; (2) for Associate membership: Miguel A. Pagan, PA-C; (3) for Active Foreign membership: Prem Kumar Pillay, MD, PhD; and (4) for International Associate membership: Jafri Malin Bin Abdullah, MD; and Awni F. Musharbash, MD. It was moved and seconded that each of the aforementioned members be accepted at his or her designated status. This was approved by acclamation.

Rules and Regulations Committee

Alan R. Cohen, MD, Chair, did not have a report.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Luerssen reported in lieu of Marion L. Walker, MD, for the Nominating Committee. Rick Abbott, III, MD, was proposed for Secretary-Treasurer and Philip H. Cogen, MD, PhD, and Douglas L. Brockmeyer, MD, were proposed for Members-At-Large. Each of the aforementioned would begin their term at the Section's next meeting, which will take place in conjunction with the AANS Annual Meeting in April.

Election of Officers

Drs. Abbott, Cogen, and Brockmeyer were nominated and seconded. Dr. Laurent requested any nominations from the floor. There were none, and nominations were closed. Voting was by show of hands and all nominated officers were elected by acclamation.

The Distinguished Service Award

Robin P. Humphreys, MD, reported as Chair of this committee. He had received no nominations from the membership over the past year. Dr. Humphreys again described the mechanism for the generation of this award. Nominations must be in writing, addressed to Dr. Humphreys and accompanied by at least three letters of support, all from Active members of the Section.

An announcement about this award and the mechanism for nomination will be made in the upcoming newsletter.

Traveling Fellowship

R. Michael Scott, MD, Chairman, reported for this committee. The committee had received four applications for traveling fellowships. Traveling fellowships for the year 2000 were awarded to David I. Sandberg, MD, a resident at New York Hospital—Cornell Medical Center, who will travel to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and to Sanjay Misra, MD, a resident at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, who will travel to the Children's Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Scott then indicated that the Executive Committee had approved an increase of the stipend to \$3,000 per award. Dr. Laurent requested approval by the Section membership. It was moved, seconded and approved by acclamation.

Finally, Dr. Scott is undertaking investigations regarding the development of a foreign resident award to cover travel and expenses for physicians in training in Europe, Asia and South America. Dr. Scott will be developing the parameters for this award and will report back to the Section at its meeting in April 2000.

American Academy of Pediatrics

Joseph H. Piatt, Jr., MD, reported as liaison to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). He described the provisional nature of the new Section on Neurosurgery in the AAP. Plans for collaborative presentations in order to fulfill the educational and scientific contribution to the Academy are being put into place. It has been suggested that the first presentation will occur in the fall of 2000 at the Academy meeting in Chicago, and will likely include a discussion regarding positional skull flattening and occipital plagiocephaly. Proposals are being developed for the Academy meeting in the fall of 2001 in San Francisco, and these include proposals regarding head injury and epilepsy surgery. Finally, Dr. Piatt indicated that the new Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery will be asked to participate in the Academy's publication, "Pediatric Grand Rounds"

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sometime in the future. This is an update on clinical issues for practicing pediatricians.

In addition, Dr. Piatt requested that appropriately qualified individuals become Specialty Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

New Business

1. Dr. Laurent reported the status of a requested change in CPT coding that adds a new CPT code for the programming of programmable shunts. This change is in process of being reviewed by the appropriate CPT committees.
2. Dr. Laurent reported that the Section had received a request from the Washington Committee for funding from the Section. He indicated that the Executive Committee has recommended that a \$5,000 donation be given to the Washington Committee. This donation was moved, seconded and approved by acclamation. Several members of the Section who are familiar with the workings of the Washington Committee attested to the important role of this committee on behalf of neurosurgery. The Section participates in the activities as requested by the Washington Committee.
3. Sarah J. Gaskill, MD, asked to address the group regarding a new rule by Texas Medicaid that shunt procedures would be reimbursed only on an outpatient basis. Dr. Gaskill requested letters from individual members of the Section regarding comments about the appropriateness of this particular ruling. Members were asked to contact Dr. Gaskill directly.
4. Dr. Luerssen announced the site for the winter meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery in 2004. The Executive Committee had voted unanimously to award the meeting venue to San Francisco, California, with the meeting Chairs being Mitchel S. Berger, MD, and Warwick J. Peacock, MD.

New Business

Dr. Laurent questioned if the membership had any new business or concerns. A member requested a resolution regarding prenatal closure of myelomeningocele. The resolution underwent a variety of amendments and revisions. Ultimately, the following resolution was approved:

Resolved

- (1) The risks and benefits of prenatal neurosurgical procedures must be subjected to scientific scrutiny. The clinical value of prenatal repair of myelomeningocele has not been demonstrated. The Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons discourages the opening of new programs offering this treatment outside of a scientifically valid clinical trial.
- (2) This resolution should be distributed to the major journals in neurosurgery, pediatrics and perinatology.

Adjournment

No further business was brought from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Wanted: Nominations for Franc Ingraham Lifetime Achievement Award

Robin P. Humphreys, MD, Chair of the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, is accepting nominations for this award. The first Lifetime Achievement Award was given to E. Bruce Hendrick, MD, in 1998, acknowledging his career dedicated to pediatric neurosurgery. Each nomination must be in writing and supported by at least three members of the Section. The award carries with it a generous donation to the children's hospital of the recipient's choice. For more information on the award, contact Dr. Humphreys by phone at (416) 813-6427, or via fax at (416) 813-4975.

Letter from Editor (continued from front page)

Looking to the Future

Soon, Rick Abbott, III, MD, will assume the role of Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Abbott has served the Section for many years and it is a pleasure (and a relief) to turn over this job to him. Please join me in welcoming him to this position. I am confident that he will only improve this service to our membership.

I hope that the members of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery understand that I leave my position with a great sense of personal gratitude for the chance to participate in the Section leadership. The talented people that I have met amaze me—experts in computers, information services, organization finances, outcomes science, and health care policy, just to name a few. At almost every turn, there was something new to learn, or someone interesting to meet. Furthermore, many of the people I have worked with have become very close personal friends. This alone is more than enough reward. It has been a wonderful experience, and I would recommend it to anyone.

These days, there are a myriad of pressures for our time. For things like committee work, there are always good excuses to let someone else do it. I hope that those of you who are entering the generation of leadership for pediatric neurosurgery will come forward and volunteer to help the AANS and the CNS, as well as our subspecialty societies, in any way you can. We need your talents, your energies, and your vision to keep all of us moving in the right direction. I can guarantee that the experience will be well worth what you put into it.

News From the Hydrocephalus Association

A lot is happening at the Hydrocephalus Association, including the following:

- We are pleased to announce that Kimberly Bingaman, MD, is the 1999 recipient of the Hydrocephalus Association's Resident Prize for her paper, "Hydrocephalus Induces the Proliferation of Cells in the Subventricular Zone." Dr. Bingaman, the 10th recipient of this award, presented her paper at the 28th Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery in Atlanta.
- The revised edition of *About Hydrocephalus—A Book for Families* is now available. A year in the works, this version of our most popular resource is guaranteed to be a hit with families and professionals alike.

About Hydrocephalus was originally published by the University of California (San Francisco) under the direction of Michael Edwards, MD, with text, illustration and design by Lynne Larson. The revised edition includes drawings of a larger variety of shunts, a section on endoscopic third ventriculostomy, updated information on CTs, MRIs and shunt malfunctions, and all new photographs.

Special thanks to our Medical Review Board: Marvin Bergsneider, MD; Alexa I. Canady, MD; Philip H. Cogen, MD, PhD; Samuel F. Ciricillo, MD; James M. Drake, MD; Michael

Edwards, MD; Roger Hudgins, MD; J. Gordon McComb, MD; David G. McLone, MD, PhD; Harold L. Rekate, MD; Marion L. Walker, MD; and Michael Williams, MD.

For a limited time, the original price of *About Hydrocephalus—A Book for Families* will remain the same: \$2.25 per copy for 1-49 copies and \$2 per copy for 50 or more. Please contact our office for an order form.

- The brochure and registration form for Hydrocephalus 2000: *Forward Together*, 6th National Conference for Families and Professionals, are now available. The conference is being held May 25-28, 2000, at the DoubleTree La Posada Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The goal of the conference is to give families and professionals the tools they need to address the medical, educational and social challenges of hydrocephalus. Please contact our office if you would like multiple copies of the conference brochure for your waiting room.

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Section News

New Officers Elected

The following new officers of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery were elected at our recent Business Meeting in Atlanta: Rick Abbott, III, MD, of Beth Israel Medical Center (New York), was elected as Secretary-Treasurer, and Philip H. Cogen, MD, PhD, of Children's National Medical Center (Washington, D.C.), and Douglas L. Brockmeyer, MD, of Primary Children's Medical Center (Utah), were elected Members-At-Large. Each will begin their term in April 2000.

Meeting Site Selected

The winter meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery in 2004 will be held in San Francisco, California. Mitchel S. Berger, MD, and Warwick J. Peacock, MD, will be our hosts. The Executive Committee will now entertain applications for a site for the 2005 Section meeting. Applications must be in writing and forwarded to the Secretary of the Section prior to the Executive Committee meeting in December 2000.

Kenneth Shulman Award

At our recent Section Meeting, the Kenneth Shulman Award, which recognizes the best paper given by a resident in training, was presented to Susan R. Durham, MD, a senior resident at the University of Pennsylvania. Her paper was titled, "The Surprisingly Sturdy Infant Brain: Why is it More Resistant to Focal Injury?" She will re-present her paper and officially receive her award at the upcoming Pediatric Section Session at the AANS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Traveling Fellowships Awarded for 2000

At the recent meeting of our Section's Executive Committee, two traveling fellows for the year 2000 were selected. They are David I. Sandberg, MD, and Sanjay Misra, MD. Dr. Sandberg is a resident at Cornell and will travel to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Dr. Misra is a resident at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and will travel to the Children's Hospital in Boston. Because of increased expenses associated with travel and lodging, the Executive Committee has increased the stipend to \$3,000 per fellow. Applicants interested in the traveling fellowship for the year 2001 are encouraged to contact R. Michael Scott, MD at (617) 355-6011.

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Donald H. Reigel, MD, Named 2000 Matson Lecturer

Donald H. Reigel, MD, has been named the 2000 Donald D. Matson Lecturer. The Lectureship, which is presented annually to a distinguished clinician, teacher, or researcher in any of the pediatric sciences, will take place at the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery Scientific Session on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 2:45 PM.

Donald H. Reigel, MD



Dr. Reigel earned his bachelor's and medical degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He subsequently obtained a master's degree in neuroanatomy from Marquette University. He completed his residency in neurosurgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin and his fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. During that time, he also spent six months of service in a Christian mission in Cameroon, West Africa, and two years in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Dr. Reigel is a former Chair of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. He is also a founding member of the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons and the American Board of Pediatric Neurosurgery. A prolific writer and investigator, Dr. Reigel has authored more than 125 scientific articles and contributed to over 20 textbooks. In 1985, he, along with E. Bruce Hendrick, MD, founded the *Journal of Pediatric Neurosurgery*. Dr. Reigel served as Managing Editor of this publication until 1998.

That same year, Dr. Reigel retired from the active practice of pediatric neurosurgery to devote his full attention to the Woodlands Project. As Executive Director of the Woodlands Foundation, a charity whose mission is to enhance and expand the life experiences for all children with disabilities or life-threatening illnesses, Dr. Reigel continues to assist young people with chronic diseases to reach their maximum potential.

The AANS/CNS Section on Neurological Surgery is pleased to name Dr. Donald H. Reigel as the 2000 Donald D. Matson Lecturer.