Preface

In July 2008, European and Japanese specialists in neurosurgery, neurology, interventional neuroradiology, and neurointensive care joined together to discuss the latest developments in the management of cerebrovascular disorders for the fourth time. The 4th European Japanese Joint Conference on Stroke Surgery (formerly Swiss Japanese Joint Conference on Cerebral Stroke Surgery) was held on July 4th–6th, this time in Helsinki, Finland. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Juha Hernesniemi from Helsinki and Prof. Tetsuya Tsukahara from Kyoto, and Prof. Yasuhiro Yonekawa from Zurich was the Honorary Guest of the meeting.

During those 3 days of Arctic Finnish Summer at its peak, the participants presented papers on aneurysm surgery and management of subarachnoid hemorrhage and stroke, arterial dissection, intracranial arteriovenous malformations and fistulas, and microneurosurgical bypass and revascularization techniques, among other topics. Many of these contributions have now been collected to form this book, which will be published along the tradition of the meeting. We hope the professionals involved in the management of cerebrovascular disease will find this compilation helpful and interesting for their daily work. The organizers of the meeting wish to express their gratitude to the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (Research Grant for Cardiovascular Disease (18C-5)), the Finnish Neurosurgical Society, and all the participants for making the meeting, and eventually this volume, possible once again.

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