

INTRODUCING A NEW MEMBER OF EDITORIAL COUNCIL

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Professor Alain Tournade was born in Fontenay-le-Comte, Vendée, France, in 1945, graduated from the University of Strasbourg, and was affiliated with the Anatomical Institute Neurolaboratory for six years. During this period, his work was mainly focused on the anatomy of brainstem, medulla oblongata and spinal cord. In 1973, he graduated in Radiology and Neuroradiology from Strasbourg University. At that time, he published a number of papers on venous patterns of the posterior fossa and was one of the most active participants of the international course of neuroradiology in Strasbourg in the field of veins of the posterior fossa and angiographic diagnosis of tumors and vascular malformations of the posterior fossa. At that time, as a fellow in San Francisco, USA, he was active as member of the neurovascular team and realized superselective embolizations of tumors, arteriovenous malformations and spinal cord malformations.

In 1975, he was assistant of Professor Rene Djindjian at Lariboisiere Hospital, Paris, France, and with the team he elaborated first protocols of endovascular treatment of vascular malformations of the spinal cord. In 1982, he was

appointed head of the Department of Interventional Neuroradiology, Pasteur Hospital, Colmar, France. Since that time, he has developed a number of angiotherapeutic protocols for the management of tumors of the brain and cervicofacial region, and especially of arteriovenous malformations and intracranial lateral berry aneurysms. All these issues have been elaborated in numerous papers published by Professor Tournade (Neuroradiology, Journal of Neuroradiology, Radiology, Neurosurgery, etc.).

In 1990, he was appointed Associate Professor of Radiology and Neuroradiology at Sherbrooke University, Quebec, Canada. During the same period of time, he regularly visited McGill University from Montreal as an invited and guest professor to give lectures on Interventional Neuroradiology, and especially in the field of endovascular treatment of intracranial aneurysms and arteriovenous malformations.

Now, Professor Tournade is head of the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Department of Neuroradiology, Pasteur Hospital, Colmar, France, regularly receiving people from all over the world (Canada, South America, Europe, Russia, Korea, etc.) and delivering lectures in numerous countries. This Colmar Department has been officially appointed an International Training Center for endovascular treatment of aneurysms.