Editorial

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This double issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Neurosurgery* is a portion of the proceedings of the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery that took place in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In the past, these proceedings have been published in *Concepts in Pediatric Neurosurgery*, as in that format abstracts are not included. This is a group of eclectic papers, the unifying thread of which is that they all represent problems and topics of major concern or interest to well-established pediatric neurosurgeons dedicated to development of the field. A wide variety of pediatric neurosurgical topics are presented from reviews of cases looking for new directions for the future, to new theories for old problems. As in *Concepts in Pediatric Neurosurgery*, these papers are not meant to represent dogma but developing concepts – thoughts, opinions and innovations – which should be critiqued and debated to maturity in order to serve their ultimate purpose – the advancement of pediatric neurosurgery. The meeting is always educational and stimulating for the participants and the Society hopes that this volume of the *Journal of Pediatric Neurosurgery* will be for the reader.