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Preface

The Scientific Meeting of the American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery was held in Marina del Rey, Calif., USA, on March 8 to March 11, 1995. As is our custom, the Proceedings are now published as two volumes of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

The meeting was held in a beautiful venue with an excellent ambience, hosted by Michael Apuzzo, MD. The excellent scientific program, as you will witness, was developed under the guiding hand of David Roberts, MD, Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee.

Since a reprint of the proceedings of both the American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery and the World Society for Stere-
tactic and Functional Neurosurgery have been published in this journal since independent meetings of those organizations began, our subscribers and readers have been assured a comprehensive update of the field every other year, in addition to the significant individual papers published in alternate years, thus maintaining our goal that reading just this journal will keep our subscribers abreast of the fields of stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

Usually the meetings of these organizations occur later in the year, often not until autumn, so that publication can constitute an entire year's two volumes. This meeting, however, occurred in the spring of 1995, just one-and-one-half years after our last published proceedings, so, this publication comprises two volumes bearing different publication years. Half the papers are published in volume 65, 1995, and the other half in volume 66, 1996, which is preferable to delaying publication so all papers bear the same year of publication. This does not imply that there is any difference in importance in articles carrying either publication date, since the articles are sequenced by topic, as they were.
presented at the meeting. The title page of each article is clearly marked as part of meeting proceedings, with the title and dates of the meeting clearly indicated, as has been our custom with proceedings. I hope that this does not inconvenience any author.

We are proud to present the Proceedings of this excellent meeting. The next issues containing a number of significant individual papers will appear soon. The next proceedings volumes will involve the Meeting of the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, which will be hosted by Mark Sindou, MD, and will be held in Lyon, France, July 1-4, 1997. In the meantime, subscribers receive at no extra charge a series of supplementary volumes presenting the Annual Meeting of the Leksell Gamma Knife Society.

We hope you will enjoy and learn from the excellent papers presented in these two volumes.

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