

EDITORIAL

This supplement of our journal "Neuropädiatrie" contains the abstracts of the bi-annual symposium of the European Federation of Child Neurology Societies, May 22—25, 1977 in Braunlage/Germany.

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The main topic of this symposium is the clinical aspect of developmental neurobiology which is, in its anatomical, biochemical, physiological and psychological variety, our legitimate theoretical foundation.

Recent advances in neurological disorders in childhood such as our new view on developmental defects from the environment, a striking decrease of pre- and perinatal brain dysfunction due to modern pregnancy and neonatal care procedures as well as the

new management of the intracranial malignancies including leukemia have given strong support to our long treasured assumption that child neurology is not a separate subspecialty of pediatrics but a substantial part of it. With an ever decreasing importance of classical neurological techniques such as angiography and pneumencephalography and a tremendous increase in relevance of physiological, psychological, epidemiological and biochemical concepts of normal and abnormal brain development, neuropediatrics has shifted right into the center of modern pediatrics. The topics of this symposium are thus devoted to one of the most important aspects of child health.

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