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The editor proudly introduces Prof. D. Pang as a new member of the Advisory Board who will be responsible for evaluating research and clinical papers concerning *spine dysraphism*. The editor, also, thanks all the members of the Editorial Board and all the reviewers who have evaluated the articles submitted to Child's Nervous System during the year 2011.



Prof. D. Pang

I graduated with Honours in Biophysics at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and then entered medical school at the University of Toronto, where I obtained my MD in 1972. I completed my residencies in general surgery and neurosurgery in 1978 at Toronto and a fellowship in Paediatric Neurosurgery at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto in 1979. I joined the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh as an assistant professor of paediatric neurosurgery in 1979 and

became professor and chief of paediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 1987 until 1993, when I moved to be professor and chief of paediatric neurosurgery at the University of California, Davis. I am now also chief of the Regional Centre of Paediatric Neurosurgery of Northern California Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.

I hold specialist certificates in paediatric neurosurgery from the American Board of Neurological Surgeons and the American Board of Pediatric Neurosurgeons, the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England and Canada, as well as Fellowships from the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Canada and the United Kingdom, and the American College of Surgeons. I was conferred an Honorary Professorship from Sun Yat-Sen University, China and Visiting Professorship from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. I am also an honorary member of the Neurosurgical Society of Hong Kong.

My research interests are neuroembryology, paediatric spinal injuries, spinal cord congenital malformations, intraoperative neurophysiology monitoring, and craniopharyngioma. My main fields of publication reflect these same areas. My published list includes over 160 refereed articles and chapters. I have been an invited speaker in over 250 occasions in many countries and was guest neurosurgeon for teaching purposes in many places including Hong Kong, Singapore, India, China, Taiwan, and South Africa. I was the holder (as principle investigator) of a National Institute of Health RO-1 Grant on intraventricular haemorrhage in a canine model and a Centre Project Grant from the University of Pittsburgh on the induction of precocious puberty using a non-invasive balloon in the third ventricle in a primate model.