Stroke in Korean

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Stroke represents a leading health problem in Korea and it is projected to increase. It has been estimated that in 2006 there were 140,000 strokes and that by the year 2030 this number will rise to 350,000 (based on results of National Stroke Surveillance Study; courtesy of B.W. Yoon; Figure). Moreover, the pattern of ischemic stroke is changing. The number of intracranial lesions is declining, whereas extracranial cervical disease is rising.

Last November, I had the pleasure of spending a week in Korea as a Visiting Professor, and I was able to appreciate the high level of activity and cooperation in the fight against stroke. Professor B.W. Yoon is one of its pre-eminent leaders. Dr Yoon’s background includes research in heart-brain relationships, participation in the North American Symptomatic Carotid Endarterectomy trial, and clinical and experimental work in all major aspects of stroke.

The spirit of collaboration at the national level is reflected by the membership of the Editorial Board: Ji Hoe Hoe, Professor of Neurology, Yonsei University College of Medicine; Joung-Ho Rha, Professor of Neurology, Inha University Hospital; Eung-Gyu Kim, Professor of Neurology, Psuan Paik Hospital, Inje University.

May Stroke in Korean contribute to the efforts to reduce the worrying projections of increased incidence of stroke.

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