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Foreword I

There is no argument that one cannot be a surgeon without detailed knowledge of anatomy. And of all human organs and systems, the anatomy of the nervous system is by far the most complex and most fascinating – something even non-neuro-surgeons would probably agree. But the fascination frequently, and reasonably so, focuses on the central nervous system; after all, the anatomy of the brain and spinal cord is inseparable from their function, and the brain functioning makes a person alive. But the peripheral nervous system is what connects the brain and spinal cord with the rest of the body, what carries information to and from it, makes us move and feel, in effect allowing us to function.

When I first heard about Dr. Rigoard's project aimed at creation of comprehensive but user-friendly atlas dedicated to the anatomy of the peripheral nervous system, I was very doubtful that he will be able to pull it through – a prominent and busy practicing neurosurgeon, who, on top of his professional life, is deeply dedicated to his family, is not expected to complete such grandiose task while maintaining a full-time clinical practice. But he proved me wrong – this atlas is a reality and its level surpasses all expectations! A combination of high-quality anatomical drawings with amazing computer graphics and deep understanding of functionality of the peripheral nervous system is the basis of this anatomical masterpiece.

When I discussed the contents of this atlas with its creator, Dr. Rigoard reminded me that there is a concept of dividing peripheral nervous system into three main components: the cranial system that contains both somatic sensory motor, special senses and vegetative part, and develops from branchial arches; the axial system that includes prototypic mixed sensory motor nerves, gets derived from metameric spinal branches, and also includes vegetative component; and, finally, the so-called exploratory system that focuses on exploration of the surrounding environment and allows one to move around and gather information from outside world using the "extensions" of the trunk called limbs. This volume of the atlas is dedicated to the latter system and is focused on the innervation of limbs starting with dedicated plexuses and continuing with major peripheral nerves.

Anatomy books are the milestones in development of modern medicine. Just few years ago, we all celebrated 500 year anniversary of the original publication of "The Fabric of the Human Body" by Andreas Vesalius – and that book is alive even now. Reading the Rigoard's atlas of the peripheral nervous system, I could not resist the temptation to compare and contrast these two treatises separated by a half of millennium: the anatomy did not change, and neither did the much needed attention to detail. What changed is our understanding of function, and, most notably, our ability to develop three-dimensional representation of anatomy, and this difference makes this anatomical atlas more practical and more useful.

Merging art and science, Dr. Rigoard and his team succeeded in creating a remarkable teaching tool that will help innumerable medical students and trainees all over the world to better understand peripheral nerves. As a matter of fact, I feel that this atlas will be most beneficial to the practicing neurosurgeons and neurologists who can use it to augment their daily practice through improved familiarity with anatomical nuances that explain a multitude of clinical conditions and guide various diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.



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Foreword II

The Atlas of Anatomy of the Peripheral Nerves written by Prof. Philippe Rigoard has an innovative approach ranging from anatomy and neurosurgery to medical imaging.

At first glance, one is immediately struck by the modern, rich iconography of this book dedicated to the nerves of the limbs.

Basing their work on real anatomical facts, the author uses computer technology in order to transfer the knowledge necessary for exploration, diagnosis and medical and surgical care.

The study of each nerve is considered in all its aspects: embryology, morphology, physiology, medicine and surgery. All of this is accompanied by new scientific acquisitions.

This work confers great honour to the author and his international team, whose members are all passionate about anatomy, computer science or innovating surgery.

I am firmly convinced that the students following initial or neurosurgery courses will highly benefit from this wonderful pedagogical book dedicated to peripheral nerves.

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The hanging garden

Philippe Rigoard, New Caledonia, December 2015

Painting inspired from the tropical plants and flowers of Monique and Jean-Pierre Le Leizour's garden Acrylic paint, oil, cardboard, personal photographs, watercolour, charcoals and felts

Preamble

PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH OF AN ANATOMICAL GARDEN

Is there anything more beautiful than a garden adorned with fruit trees and odoriferous plants, at the base of which flows a crystal clear water? The Silence Relay (Le Relais du Silence), Saintes,

Poitou-Charentes, 2014

This enchanting garden will exhilarate our senses, offering us its multicoloured palette, and it will distil its spices reminding us that it is nature itself, as opposed to the artificial elaboration of the mind, and that it is the opposite order to the well-reasoned, the unconscious against the constructed.

Trying to decompose the morphology of a garden without altering it completely, in order to measure its beauty and savour its meanders a little more, corresponds to the challenge of producing an anatomy atlas that is intended as innovative.

The quest of this garden is the anatomical journey that is given to you in this book. It is a journey along collateral arteries and muscle frameworks, a journey at the core of the human body.

Anatomy is a science applied to medicine; it's a living discipline, a day-to-day reality. In the way that anatomy is currently taught to students, the proliferation of teaching materials and platforms is too often privileged as well as the literary and theoretical character, even though this teaching should primarily be visual and tactile. Where the main subjects are curvatures and reverse curvatures, it should be possible to learn how to draw them and how to feel them.

What is the use of anatomy?

Anatomy, from its morphological approach, starts straight at the physiological, radiological and even semiological knowledge. It is anatomy that allows a young student in medicine to learn the distinction between "normal" and "pathological". From its surgical approach, anatomy will then guide the novice as the confirmed surgeon to highlight one structure or another to realise an approach they are not used to. The anatomical basics should seal the medical skill and help the (future) doctor to build up his knowledge of mankind.

The teaching of anatomy must remain simple and in the end rather popular. The human body is a living painting.

It should focus on the progressive development of a figurative GPS* in the head of an individual and, this way, use the technological tools at our disposal nowadays, converting surface into volume, a paper sheet into layers and textures. This has led us to offer an atlas defined in three dimensions.

This atlas has been conceived in an atypical and unique way to correspond, in a manner of speaking, to an illustrated logbook, just like what a young companion may gather along his medical formation.

*GPS: global positioning system

«The hanging gardens, They are the ideal perpetually sought and fleeting of an artist, They are the inaccessible and inviolable refuge....»

Jehan Alain, poet, organist and composer (1911–1940)

