

## **MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT**

The three revisions and four editions of these *Guidelines for the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Brain Attack* since 1999 reflect the dynamic evolution of the management of cerebrovascular diseases and its outcomes in the last seven years. The latest data from the most recent trials have been incorporated into the previous guidelines, resulting in these updated *Guidelines* edition. Furthermore, there is a newly added section: The Establishment and Operation of Stroke Units.

The working group of this fourth edition has strived hard to come out with this new document, a project and testament of the SSP of its commitment to our colleagues and to the fight against brain attack.

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