

## *Dedication*

# **My Encounter with Lawrence F. Eng**

Professor Lawrence F. Eng, now retired, is well known for his years of distinguished work as a neuroscientist with research in astrogliosis, cytokines, chemokines and growth factors in injured astrocytes. As one of his previous research scientists, I feel honored and proud to organize a special issue to honor Larry together with Marion Smith, who provided a more detailed story of Larry's academic and personal life. Marion and I were colleagues at Stanford. Always feeling as one of Larry's students, I always considered Larry a teacher and I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to pursue astrocyte research in his laboratory. Larry's laboratory was where the foundation of the important discovery and purification of glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP) from astrocytes was established. During the time spent in his laboratory between 1989 and 1994, I enjoyed the freedom encouraged by Larry for exploring various aspects of neuroscience. And this has allowed me to develop and further my research interest in using ischemia and scratch wound models to study brain injury and neural regeneration.

We have witnessed the productivity of Larry by almost 200 publications from both his laboratory and those with whom he collaborated. His active participation in promoting neuroscience is evident from his involvement in the editorial responsibilities of many journals, such as *Neurobiology*, *Journal of Neurochemistry*, *Journal of Neuroimmunology*, *Molecular and Chemical Neuropathology*, *Glia*, *Journal of Neuroscience Research*, and *Neurochemical Research*. Together with Larry, we established the Stanford International Symposium series on neuroscience held in Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai in the 1990s. The experience of organizing symposia inspired me to engage further in other conferences and symposia, such as my latest organizing endeavors in the 6th International Brain Energy Metabolism Meeting in Crete, Greece and the 10th Society for Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA) International Symposium in Beijing, China.

Born to a family with six other siblings during the North American Depression of the 1930s, the personality of Larry never outwardly reflected these tough times. In fact, as a second generation American-born Chinese, Larry inherited the traditional attributes of the 'perfect Chinese guy' despite his ability to only speak a little Tai Shan dialect. Even I have to salute to Larry for his selfless, gentle and pleasant character, after spending his childhood and adolescence in so much hardship. In science, Larry is 100% devoted and his achievements are indisputable. In life, he is also 100% devoted to his wife, children, and parents. As the fifth child of the family, Larry appreciates the advantages of forming a larger family, so he and his wife, Jeanne, have four children to pass on the legacy of big families. Besides being a good husband and father, Larry manages to respect his parents and keep a good relationship with them. How Larry values and cares for his mother may be the secret of his mother turning 100 years old this year!

With extensive accomplishments in science and in life ventures, Larry will definitely get to enjoy more time with his family, which now includes four grandchildren. The laboratory families Larry had expanded and established would like to wish him all the best and hopefully he will not mind being called upon for consultation in the future. I have the utmost respect for Larry, and I sincerely hope he knows he will always be my greatest and most favorite teacher!

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