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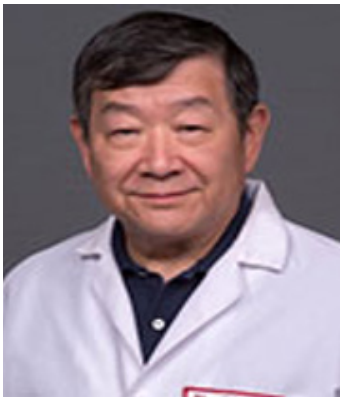
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Professor Nae Jiuun Dun, PhD

Co-Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Neurology and Experimental Neuroscience



The Editorial Board of the *Journal of Neurology and Experimental Neuroscience (JNEN)* mourns the loss of **Professor Nae Jiuun Dun, PhD**, our esteemed **Co-Editor-in-Chief**, distinguished neuroscientist, mentor, and friend, who passed away peacefully on **April 7, 2026, in Danville, California, USA**, at the age of 80 after a courageous battle with a neurodegenerative disorder.

Born on **August 12, 1945,** in **Shanghai, China**, and raised in Hong Kong, Professor Dun dedicated his life to the pursuit of scientific discovery and academic excellence. His educational journey brought him to the United States, where he pursued advanced studies in pharmacology and ultimately established an internationally respected career in neuroscience. Throughout decades of research and academic leadership, he held faculty and leadership positions at several distinguished institutions, including Loyola University, the Medical College of Ohio, East Tennessee State University, and Temple University, where he served as Chairman of Pharmacology.

Professor Dun's scientific contributions profoundly advanced our understanding of autonomic and cardiovascular neuroscience. His investigations into neurotransmission, receptor pharmacology, neural circuitry, and neurochemical signaling mechanisms provided important insights that continue to influence contemporary neuroscience research. Over the course of his distinguished career, he authored and co-authored more than 200 scientific publications, receiving thousands of citations and earning widespread recognition for the quality, rigor, and impact of his work.

As Co-Editor-in-Chief of the JNEN, Professor Dun played a vital role in shaping the journal's scientific vision and editorial standards. From the journal's formative years, he devoted countless hours to evaluating manuscripts, guiding editorial policies, mentoring authors, and strengthening the peer-review process. His commitment to scientific integrity and excellence helped establish JNEN as a trusted platform for disseminating innovative neurological and neuroscientific research.

Professor Dun's influence extended far beyond his editorial responsibilities. I had the privilege of knowing Professor Dun for more than twenty years and greatly appreciated his kindness, generosity, and willingness to support others. He was a steadfast advocate for young investigators and early-career scientists, consistently offering thoughtful guidance and encouragement to authors navigating the publication process. His constructive reviews, balanced judgment, and commitment to fairness were deeply valued by colleagues, reviewers, and contributors around the world. Many researchers benefited from his mentorship

and his unwavering belief in the importance of rigorous and ethical scientific communication.

I clearly remember the first time I met Professor Dun, when I invited him to deliver a Grand Rounds lecture to my neurology department on his research. That encounter left a lasting impression on me, both professionally and personally. Over the years, Professor Dun became not only a respected mentor and colleague, but also a dear friend and a cherished friend to my family. Those who worked closely with Professor Dun will remember not only his remarkable scientific intellect but also his humility, kindness, generosity, and collegial spirit. He approached scientific inquiry with curiosity and enthusiasm while treating colleagues and students with respect and compassion. His leadership fostered a culture of scholarly excellence, collaboration, and mutual support that will continue to guide the journal in the years ahead.

The loss of Professor Dun is deeply felt throughout the international neuroscience community and within the JNEN family. While we mourn his passing, we also celebrate a life devoted to science, education, mentorship, and service. His scientific achievements, editorial leadership, and dedication to advancing neuroscience have left an enduring legacy that will continue to inspire future generations of researchers.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, reviewers, authors, readers, and staff of the JNEN, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, colleagues, former students, and friends.

Professor Nae Jiuun Dun's contributions to neuroscience and to this journal will not be forgotten. His legacy remains an enduring part of the foundation, growth, and future mission of JNEN.