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Dr. Weyhenmeyer is an Adjunct Professor of Cell Biology, Pathology and Neuroscience at the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign. He holds a B.A. from Knox College and a Ph.D. from Indiana University, and was a postdoctoral fellow in the Departments of Medicine and Physiology/Biophysics at the University of Iowa. Trained as a cell biologist / neuroscientist, Dr. Weyhenmeyer has conducted basic and applied research on degenerative brain disorders with a focus on stroke. He has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, March of Dimes, American Heart Association, the PHARMA Foundation and private industry. He has authored more than 200 publications and serves on a number of national scientific committees. He has served on numerous boards, including Argonne National Laboratory Board of Governors, Fermi Laboratory Board of Directors, and the American Heart Association Board of Directors, as well as scientific advisory boards for companies in gene technology and drug development sectors. Dr. Weyhenmeyer was recently elected to membership in the Royal Swedish Academy for Engineering Sciences.