

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief and Acknowledgement to Authors, Editors and Scientific referees 2018

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As the Editor-in-Chief of *Child's Nervous System* I would like to sincerely thank all our collaborators for the time and dedication to reviewing manuscripts for the journal.

The greatest responsibility of a scientific journal is to ensure that all contributions submitted for publication are rigorously but fairly reviewed. Therefore, I gratefully acknowledge the qualified and regular collaboration of renowned scientists who kindly devoted their time to constructively review the submitted articles. Their expertise and invaluable assistance contributed to maintain a high scientific standard for the Journal.

Since we feel that a journal can only be as good as its authors' contributions, I also deeply thank all our authors for having contributed so incisively and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some positive results and new forthcoming challenges.

Child's Nervous System has been growing over the last few years.

- We constantly receive a large increasing number of submissions from all over the world which are peer-reviewed with good turnaround times.
- Yearly article downloads are constantly increasing. In 2017 we recorded more than 340,000 article downloads and in 2018 we had on average more than 27,000 monthly downloads
- Two recently published Special Focus Sessions rose a great interest in the pediatric neurosurgery scientific community and recorded a number of downloads well above the average for the journal:

### **Fetal Neurosurgery** (July 2017).

*Guest Editor: Graciela Zuccaro.*

### **The congenital Zika virus infection: still a puzzle** (January 2018).

*Guest Editor: José Francisco M. Salomão*

- More than 1000 papers were discussed through social media in 2018
- The Impact Factor (2017) grew to 1.235.

As for the future, in 2019 we will introduce the new journal Section "*Spotlight on Global Pediatric Neurosurgery*" - guest edited by prof. William Harkness, whom I deeply thank for accepting to participate to this venture - and we warmly invite you to submit relevant papers.

Spotlight contributions may include information concerning programming, planning, and designing of healthcare facilities in rapidly developing countries. Reports on training projects of local neurosurgeons will be also considered, including telemedicine projects and sustainable interchange programs for residents and young specialists in developing countries, that will improve the quality of pediatric neurosurgery, ensuring cultural sensitivity.

We will also welcome reports dealing with humanitarian medicine in critical settings (such as natural disasters or war regions), where emergency and traumatic surgery often take on a pre-eminent role in pediatric neurosurgery and high rates of child mortality and morbidity are still recorded.

To maintain the positive progression of our journal, we will also welcome new valuable submissions of "Multimedia articles" on pediatric neurosurgical procedures where the video plays a major role by enriching the article text and better illustrating innovative surgical techniques. We thus invite you to submit videos along with article contributions as "Electronic Supplementary material".

Finally, at the beginning of this new year, we wish to continue our collaborative efforts to ensure that *Child's Nervous System* impact and growth is matched by exceptionally high standards of clinical research in the field of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

We will also welcome new ideas and suggestions for a further development of *Child's Nervous System* and by the way I would like to take the occasion to wish you a bright and successful 2019.

Concezio Di Rocco.

*Editor-in-Chief.*

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