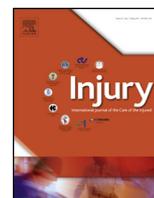




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Editorial

Celebrating 50 years of supporting the educational needs of the International Trauma Community



It was July 1969 when the first volume of *Injury* was published. The inaugural statement made then by Peter London [1], the chairman of the editorial committee, to describe the establishment and purpose of the journal was that 'the prime purpose of the Journal is not to inflame passions, but to ease the task of those who wish to keep themselves informed about activities in the many fields that can contribute to the care of the injured persons.' London went on to write the following: 'as well as original articles, case reports, abstracts, and correspondence, *Injury* will offer space for responsible speculation on suitable topics on the understanding that after due interval the author may be called upon to review the contribution. It will also summarize conferences and meetings of interest and report plans for accident services and units in Britain and abroad. In this way the journal will seek while emphasizing the generality of accident surgery, to provide for practitioners in this field and for others with an interest in it both a convenient focus of interest and a convenient starting point for written studies' [1].

The first volume included 11 manuscripts with the contributing authors being from Sweden, France, Norway, Switzerland and UK. From this foundation volume, the message was clear; that the vision was for the journal to have a true international profile and voice.

Since the first volume was published, 50 years have passed! Indeed, we are celebrating fifty years of growing and evolution to what *Injury* has extended nowadays to be, a renowned international multidisciplinary trauma journal. Its primary objective is to enable the exchange of ideas, techniques and information among all members of the trauma team. The topics covered are diverse and relevant to all members of the wider trauma care team. They include trauma systems and management; surgical procedures; epidemiological studies; surgery (of all tissues); resuscitation; biomechanics; rehabilitation; anaesthesia; radiology and wound management.

Injury also publishes a series of special issues and scientific supplements documenting the work of national societies and of other groups.

The commitment of the journal to support the publication of original clinical research, experimental and basic science studies,

and all aspects of trauma, has been well appreciated by the international community. This is supported by the affiliation to the journal of 18 National societies and the multinational nature of submission of papers for consideration for publication.

Injury has gone from strength to strength since its establishment. The 50th year of anniversary is a true landmark for the Journal. In order to mark the 50th anniversary, a special issue will be published in July 2019. This special volume will include quotations from renowned researchers, clinicians and academics. In addition, after selection and peer review, the best 2 papers submitted from each one of the affiliated societies to the journal will be accepted for publication.

In addition, all readers are encouraged to submit papers for consideration for publication in the July anniversary volume. The three best submitted papers will be published in the July volume and the highest scored paper out of the three selected, will receive a prize.

We would like to express the appreciation of the editorial board to the previous editors in chief for their hard work and passion to see the journal to reach its current level. Lastly, the readership of the journal is thanked for its ongoing support and for the trust that has been shown to the journal and the editorial team over the years.

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