

### *Message from Associate Editor*

*Dear Colleagues,*

As we know today's neuro-surgery has changed dramatically in recent times and is constantly evolving. New developments in neuro-surgery and the introduction of new technologies have made surgeons dependent on these advances in a major way.

Entry to the operating room is no longer an arbitrary matter; it requires prior evaluation and study of the patient's condition in order to prepare him for a complete surgical procedure and to avoid any possible complications. Pre-op preparation now starts at the outpatient clinic and concludes at the operating theatre after passing through such tests as the radiology department, laboratory and experimental laboratory (video, EEG, EMG, evoked potentials, etc.). All these complex modalities are conditional to the success of any surgical intervention, along with collaborative team work. Now, I would define "Neuro-surgery", whereby individualised work is no longer the case but team work has become essential to avoid any complications, and to promote patient safety.

My observation is that young neuro-surgeons are not aware of the importance of collaborative work, perhaps this is due to a lack of experience with complications, which by itself might pose a future threat, if the surgeon did not relate to the fact that a human brain is now a real high tech system within itself. We should create a holistic programme capable of providing a good and sound prognosis in neuro-surgery.

In this new decade I feel sure that there will be many more innovations in neuro-surgery and I truly believe we should make every effort to ensure our young colleagues, in particular, are made aware of all these new advances and encouraged to attend as many courses as possible and constantly update their academic activities.

As for our journal, of which I am personally very proud, I can see that with each and every issue our authorship is expanding and further copies are requested from different areas of the globe on an ever expanding basis. Authors are certainly sharing their indigenous experiences with us, but we ask our readers to keep sending their work to us to enable us to attain even greater recognition.

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