

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Colleagues,

In our twelfth year of publication I look back to the initial discussions regarding the inception of our journal in 1997. We began with an idea of wishing to bring together neuro/spinal surgeons within our region in an effort to enable us to share and spread knowledge and skills, and encourage our younger colleagues to write scientific articles, as well as disseminating information regarding regional and international meetings. Today, I state, with pride that I do believe we certainly exceeded those initial aspirations. Today, our journal is not only distributed to neuro/spinal surgeons throughout the world but is indexed by several authorities. I, personally, thank all those authors who have assisted us in our past publications, making the journal what it is today! With the assistance of our Editorial and Advisory Boards and, of course, our reviewers (whom we acknowledge individually on page 124), it is hoped that our journal will continue to improve and fulfill its initial criteria of bringing 'state-of-the-art' neuro/spinal surgery to our readers.


With this aim in mind the Supplement on Paediatric Neurosurgery, kindly compiled and edited by Dr. Bermans Iskandar is truly an excellent publication, which will benefit all readers. I take this opportunity of personally thanking Dr. Iskandar and all the co-authors for their time and efforts in producing this valuable and great work.

It is again with pride that I report that the Pan Arab Neurosurgical Society's By-Laws have been reviewed and legally validated. I thank Dr. Mohamed Hassan Katramiz for his kind assistance in this regard.

I am also delighted and very proud that the PANS Congress is again being held in Riyadh, the first time since 1996, when PANS was first formally founded. This Congress certainly promises to be a meeting to remember. We have not only, the most eminent surgeons from the Middle East and North Africa attending but also renowned neuro/spinal surgeons from the west. I am sure we will all learn much from these specialists. Please particularly encourage your junior staff to take advantage of attending what is going to be a wonderful educational forum.

For those of you not already aware our website 'panarabneurosurgery.org.sa' gives all the latest news regarding our PANS Congress and announces all upcoming activities.

I look forward to seeing you in Riyadh!



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