

A new era for the Hellenic Journal of Surgery

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The Hellenic Journal of Surgery (HJS) is the official scientific journal of the Hellenic Surgical Society, whilst its publication is considered the most important scientific activity of the society. The first issue was published in 1956, as a continuation of the "Bulletin of the Surgical Society", first published in 1947. The journal, which is now published in English, publishes papers from Greece and abroad. Since 2020, by decision of the Board of Directors, the journal is published in electronic format. Following a small break from its publication mainly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and a renewal of its editorial team, the journal is resuming its publication in 2023.

Given the opportunity, we would like to express our gratitude to the former editor-in-chief Dr. Nomikos Iakovos for his outstanding leadership and invaluable contribution to our medical surgery journal. His tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence have undoubtedly helped maintain the high quality of the journal. His insightful guidance and rigorous editorial standards have not only upheld the integrity of the journal but have also inspired and motivated countless researchers and clinicians to strive for excellence in their work. We would like to thank Dr. Nomikos for his exceptional service and for setting the standard of excellence that we will continue to uphold.

Our journal will publish high-quality original papers in our field, state-of-the-art reviews and meta-analyses, illustrative case reports, pictures/videos, "how I do it" articles, surgical history articles, brief communications, perspectives and editorials by experts in relevant fields of surgery. Developing fields such as robotic surgery, minimally invasive surgery, interventional radiology and

surgical endoscopy will be strongly supported. Equally, articles focusing in basic and translational research related to surgery are welcome. Our journal aims to provide a rapid, yet high-quality review procedure, whereas the editors will actively contribute by curating special issues focused on topics of high interest.

The HJS welcomes authors from a wide spectrum of surgical subspecialties from all over the world. Apart from surgical specialties, authors with surgery-related specialties, such as interventional radiologists, gastroenterologists and medical oncologists, will be encouraged to contribute. We believe our journal will enhance dissemination of new ideas and expedite the application of new advances. Attracting young surgeons is major goal, while we hope our journal will stimulate interest and research in all fields of surgery. Moreover, we foresee to attract a broader readership that includes medical students, residents, physicians and surgeons in private practice, as well as those associated with government and private as well as academic institutions.

Our journal will strive to uphold the highest standards of scientific integrity and ethical conduct, ensuring that published research is rigorous, accurate, and transparent. Alongside the Co-Editors, an Advisory and an Editorial Board comprised of distinguished colleagues from Greece and abroad will help our journal excel. We anticipate that HJS will surpass national boundaries and bring together not only surgeons but also other scientists from across the world. We promise to embody a "living" journal that will continue to change and evolve over time. While we embark on this new mission we welcome all young and senior surgeons to join us with the ultimate goal of making the HJS a successful, high quality journal.

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