

Editorial

The First 2 Years of *EJPS Reports*

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The *European Journal of Pediatric Surgery Reports (EJPS Reports)* was started 2 years ago in sunny Rome. Having grown past its infancy, *EJPS Reports* is standing steadily on two feet still under a clear sky as an established forum for high-quality pediatric surgical case reports. Case reports represent the hard core of pediatric surgery, featuring the endless number of rare disorders, malformations, and their different combinations often necessitating novel and previously unpublished treatment strategies. Many of these cases are clinically extremely exciting and important, but their rareness precludes reporting as regular full-size articles.

This open-access journal was launched to enable an efficient review process and editing of case report submissions in all fields of pediatric surgery. At the same time, the main focus has been to improve the quality of the published reports. The main criteria for acceptance has been prominent scientific importance, novelty, and above anything else the potential to help future patients by teaching us novel surgical techniques

and unexpected complications in addition to rare presentation and combinations of different disorders. Accordingly, we have received a much larger number of submissions than what have passed through our strict editorial assessment for publication.

This is the first issue of *EJPS Reports* released in conjunction with the main printed journal. It consists of 19 case reports representing a wide range of pediatric surgical disciplines, including new surgical techniques and novel operative approaches. By the time of publishing, I will be stepping down for other laborious engagements and Martin Lacher from the editorial board will take over as a new Editor-in-Chief. I would like to wish him the best of luck and thank all the contributors for their interest toward this journal, my editorial board colleagues for fluent cooperation, and the publisher for editorial help. It has been a great pleasure to work with these professionals, whose work has made this journal possible.

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