

Editorial

EJPS Reports – Coming of Age

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The *European Journal of Pediatric Surgery Reports (EJPS Reports)* is releasing its 3rd issue, the first of 2015.

As the incoming Editor-in-Chief of this journal, I would like to thank the founding editor Mikko Pakarinen, who was leading *EJPS Reports* during the first two years and made a significant contribution to the amazing start of the journal. Starting a journal is never easy, but he was able to guide the title through its early days, and was able to bring in interesting and subsequently well-read articles as well as mould the journal to make it distinct from its sister title *EJPS*.

Having grown past its infancy, *EJPS Reports* is already building a reputation for publishing high-quality pediatric surgical case reports. We are very happy that the number of submissions of reports on rare disorders, congenital malformations, and their exciting and previously unpublished treatment strategies has increased year on year.

This open-access journal was launched to promote case report submissions in all fields of pediatric surgery. At the same time, the nature of open-access with no paywalls for readers online, allows us to see, almost in real time, what papers are of interest to readers of the journal. This data allows us to guide the future direction of *EJPS Reports*. As an incentive to submit high-quality papers we decided to reward

the most-downloaded article with an annual prize for the “best case report of the year” and hope that this will enhance the popularity of the journal.

The main criteria for acceptance to the journal will remain clinical or scientific importance and novelty with the potential to help future patients by teaching us innovative surgical approaches and sometimes unusual solutions. Accordingly, we have received several times as many manuscripts as we are able to publish, therefore regrettably due to our strict editorial assessment for publication it may be that some adequate papers must be rejected.

This third issue of *EJPS Reports* consists of 14 case reports representing a wide range of pediatric surgical disciplines, including new surgical techniques and novel operative approaches. We selected several papers on surgical complications because those are often more challenging and of higher educative value to the reader than reports on perfect results.

At the time of publishing, due to the increasing contributors and the great cooperation of my editorial board colleagues, the 4th issue of *EJPS Reports* is already in preparation. In the upcoming years it will be exciting and a great pleasure to work with these professionals, whose work will further enhance the popularity of this journal.

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