**LETTER FROM
THE PRESIDENT**

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Dear Friends and Plastinators:

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you in this letter that Prof. Andreas H. Weiglein (Medical University of Graz, Institute of Anatomy, Austria) passed away on Friday, 7th February 2020. He spent a lot of time and effort to advance our Society; he was our ISP President from 1997 to 2004 and Honored Member (Beijing 2012). I have very good memories from him, especially during the international meeting in Murcia 2004. God receives him in peace and blesses all his family.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you Volume 32, Issue 1, of The Journal of Plastination. I want to thank the authors of the papers who have chosen our journal to publish their results. I also would like to thank the reviewers for taking their time to review the manuscripts.

In this issue, we present remarkable papers. The first paper from da Silva et al. presents a study about the use of plastinated specimens and CT 3D scans. Their results have the answer about whether CT scanning is a method for examining plastinated specimens, especially in order to evaluate either inner and outer surfaces.

The second paper, from Dezse et al., has the objective of identifying the rate and effectiveness of cold acetone (-25º C) on fat removal during the dehydration process, and to compare it with the defatting phase at room temperature.

The third paper, from Parsai et al., is an interesting paper about using sucrose to reduce shrinkage during the silicone plastination of brain slices.

The last paper, presented by Zerlotini et al., describes a protocol focused on modifications and adaptations for low-cost production of plastinated specimens.

I would like to welcome all new members of the International Society for Plastination and to invite all of you to participate in the Journal of Plastination. Please, share with us your results, your expertise in plastination, and other anatomical techniques.

With best regards from Murcia, Spain

Rafael Latorre