

**LETTER FROM
THE PRESIDENT**



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Dear Friends and Plastinators,

Corona-19 is affecting everyone in 2020; these months of lockdown have been hard, and most of us have encountered some professional and personal difficulties. However, we have increased our creativity in changing the ways of teaching, using Teams, Zoom, or Skype, and going to congresses and meeting virtually.

The ISP international meeting in Chile has been rescheduled to July 2022. Meanwhile, the Executive Council decided to sponsor an Online Interim Meeting, to take place in April of 2021.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you Volume 32, Issue 2, of the Journal of Plastination. Thanks to the authors of the papers for choosing our journal to publish their results. This issue gives us the opportunity to learn new techniques and options in our laboratories. I would like to thank the reviewers for taking their time to review the manuscripts.

This issue presents four papers. The first paper from Arredondo-Ramos et al. from Toluca, México, presents a paper about how to create a three-dimensional model of the pelvic and penile canine urethra by means of a corrosion epoxy cast. The second paper, presented by Dr. J. Frišhons et al. from Masaryk University, Czech Republic, provides an overview of the major and most successful embalming techniques of preserving bodies, that keep them in excellent condition for decades, with a focus on the Soviet-Russian method. The third paper of this issue is presented by Dr. R. Lewis and his group from Union University, Jackson, TN, USA, and presents a work where they examined the addition of three types of color, at four points in the plastination process. They evaluated results using the CIEDE2000 process, as well as a visual comparison of samples. The last paper presents a special technique of epoxy plastination modifying the refractive index of the resin by Dr. Starchik et al. (Saint Petersburg, Russia), that allows visualization of metal stents, and their relationship with the wall inside a coronary artery.

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

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