

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Friends and Plastinators:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you Volume 25, Issue 2, of the *Journal of Plastination*. I would like to thank the reviewers for taking their time to review the manuscripts of Volume 25. I will expect to have Volume 26, Issue 1, of the *Journal of Plastination* complete prior to the St. Petersburg meeting in July 2014.

One of the most difficult issues that affect the constancy of the Journal is the submission of good quality manuscripts. I am sure you all agree that maintaining high standards for the Journal is a priority. It is also difficult to find reviewers to review the manuscripts for critical scientific merit. Some submitted manuscripts lack the basic description of the material and methods, and the results are often incomplete.

Manuscripts received for publication are taking too long to be published. This is not acceptable. As the Journal returns to a more periodical publication, it is my hope that articles will be published no more than three months after being submitted. I encourage you to submit good quality articles for publication.

I am pleased to inform you that the new title, *Journal of Plastination*, has been recorded in the Register issued by the ISSN International Centre. Since we changed the name of the printed version of the Journal, a new ISSN had to be issued (ISSN 2311-7761). A new number for the online version of the Journal was also issued (ISSN 2311-777X).

In six months we will meet in St. Petersburg, Russia for the 17th International Conference on Plastination. The meeting, organized by our friend and colleague Dmitry Starchik, will be sponsored by The International Morphological Centre and will take place from July 14 to 18, 2014. I encourage you to make plans to attend this meeting. More information is available in a later section of this journal or on the conference website at: <http://icp2014.anatomia.ru/>.

See you in St. Petersburg!

Sincerely

Carlos A. C. Baptista
President of the International Society for Plastination