

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Letter from the President of the International Society for Plastination

Dear Friends and Plastinators:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you Volume 31, 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. These articles allow us to know new applications of plastination techniques, and open new work options in our laboratories.

I would like to thank the reviewers for taking their time to review the manuscripts.

This issue presents five remarkable papers. The first paper from Drs Cook and Hill is about how to create interactive plastinated models of the male and female pelvis for medical anatomy education. These specimens from the pelvis, a challenging region of the human body, can be manipulated to allow students to remove organs, blood vessels and nerves from the pelvis. The second study is about the microbiological safety of specimens plastinated with the S10 cold temperature technique, from Dr. Komarnitki et al. The authors did not observe any bacterial or fungal growth on plastinated samples. However, they recommend a continuous monitoring of temperature and humidity of the plastinate storage rooms. The third paper, presented by Dr. Nguyen et al., shows the students' and residents' opinion and performance in anatomy learning, with cadavers or plastinated specimens. They found interesting results about plastinated resources. The fourth paper of this issue is presented by Dr. Owolabi et al. In this work, the authors compare results of whole brains impregnated at cold temperature or at room temperature. The last paper, about impregnation of samples completely in paraffin wax as an alternative preservation method to plastination, by Dr Sultana et al., presents curious results.

As most of you know, the XX International Conference on Plastination (<https://www.icp2020chile.com>) will be held in Temuco, Chile, next July. The host is Prof. Nicolás Ottone and his team from Universidad de La Frontera. The dates are July 20-24th, 2020. As president of the ISP I would like you all to become actively involved in this conference, sending communications and attending it personally. It will be a great opportunity to share new experiences about innovation and to establish future collaborations for the advancement of plastination. I hope I can meet all of you in Temuco.

I have to remind the different groups, that to attend this Congress, the General Assembly of the ISP approved three travel grants for postgraduate students, working in plastination, and members of the International Society for Plastination.

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