

EDITORIAL



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Dear Colleagues,

With this issue, The Journal of Plastination takes a significant step forward in its development. The International Society for Plastination (ISP) (the owners and publishers of the journal) has become a member of Crossref, an official digital object identifier Registration Agency of the International DOI Foundation. This means that, for the first time in its thirty-five-year history, articles appearing in the Journal will be assigned a 'digital object identifier' (DOI). The DOI is a unique identifier that will be permanently linked to each article, enabling them to be easily and rapidly located on the web for future reference. Furthermore, DOIs can be retroactively applied, so, ultimately, all articles in the archives of the Journal will also be allocated a DOI. This important development, coupled with the journal's links to Scopus and Google Scholar, will increase the visibility of the journal and enhance its reputation as a publisher of authoritative academic research papers. Google Scholar, unlike Scopus, is free of charge, and indexes all academic papers that are available on the web, including those like Scopus, that are behind paywalls. Interestingly, a 2021 study comparing Microsoft Academic, Dimensions, COCI, WoS, Scopus, and Google Scholar, found that Google Scholar was the most effective search engine in locating citations of highly-cited papers (Martín-Martín et al., 2021).

In this issue, we present articles that describe research and development of different aspects of plastination and its applications. There are two papers from Brazil: Monteiro et al. investigate the influence of the viscosity of silicone on specimen shrinkage, and Souza et al. describe the challenges of establishing a plastination laboratory in a public university in Northeastern Brazil; from New Zealand, Feng et al. describe an investigation into optimal conditions for creating epoxy blocks for ultra-thin sections; and, in two papers from India, Shirbad et al. describe vascular variations of the suprarenal gland, and Dubey et al. present three-dimensional corrosion casts of the human bronchial tree.

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