

**LETTER FROM  
THE PRESIDENT**



**Dmitry Starchik, PhD**

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to present to you the second issue of volume 34 of the Journal of Plastination and to express my gratitude to Editor-in-Chief Philip Adds for preparing this edition.

As you know, the 20th International Conference of the International Society for Plastination was held in online format and more than 110 attendees from 43 countries took part in it. I would like to express my appreciation and my thanks to Dr. Nicolas Ottone for the excellent organization of this conference, and to thank all the participants of this forum for the good and well-coordinated work. In this issue of the Journal, you will find the abstracts of the Conference.

In the fall of 2022, the website of our Journal was radically reorganized and improved. I would like to sincerely thank Prof. Carlos Baptista and Prof. Philip Adds for this great job, which has made our Journal more convenient and accessible for authors and readers. Thanks to their laborious efforts, over the past few years, our Journal has become a status of serious scientific edition, which is indexed in Scopus and publishes articles on the use of plastination and various embalming and preservation techniques. We are particularly proud of the fact that last November the Journal was registered in CrossRef and all articles received a Digital Object Identifier (DOI), that is used to uniquely identify academic and professional information, such as journal articles, research reports, data sets, and official publications.

At the end of 2022, we received a kind offer from Prof. Selçuk Tunali on the possibility of hosting the 21st International Conference of the International Plastination Society in Istanbul, Turkey, in July 2024. Brief information about this upcoming event can be found on the pages of this issue of the Journal, as well as on our website. In the near future, we will invite all ISP members to choose the most convenient date for holding this conference by online voting.

I hope all restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic will be finally lifted in the next year and we will again be able to hold plastination workshops previously organized by Rafael Latorre in Murcia, Spain, Carlos Baptista with Robert Henry in Toledo, USA, and Honjin Sui in Dalian, China. These workshops not only provided an opportunity for everyone to receive practical training in various plastination techniques, but also to expand the number of active members of our Society.

I welcome all new members who have joined the International Society for Plastination in 2022 and ask all colleagues to take an active part in our society, what means to write articles for the Journal, to share their experience in plastination on the Intranet forums, and to invite students and young scientists to the ISP. I am deeply convinced

that the scientific potential of plastination is still very high, and plastination techniques will provide a lot of new and interesting data in anatomical and clinical studies.

With best wishes from Saint Petersburg.

Sincerely,

Dmitry Starchik,

President