

Dear Fellow Plastinators,

I am sincerely pleased to present to you Volume 35, Issue 1 of our Journal of Plastination. I sincerely thank all the authors of the articles, the reviewers, and our Editor-in-Chief Dr Philip J. Adds for preparing this issue.

This new issue contains four interesting papers by our colleagues on various aspects of the preparation of bone anatomical specimens, the theoretical issues of acetone purification, the importance of plastination in the study of avian anatomy, and the use of plastinated specimens for the study of dilated cardiomyopathy in animals.

This year has become significant for our Society in that, after a long break due to the coronavirus pandemic, plastination workshops have resumed. From June 26 to 29, the 8th International Plastination Workshop was held at the University of Toledo, Ohio, USA, dedicated to teaching the basic techniques of silicone and sheet plastination. I would like to sincerely thank Prof. Carlos Baptista and Prof. Robert Henry for the excellent organization and running of this learning forum and to welcome all the new members of our community who have joined us since this workshop. The next International Workshop on plastination and anatomical techniques will take place from 9th to 13th October 2023 at the Universidad de la Frontera, Temuco, Chile. This workshop will be organized by ISP Vice-President Prof. Nicholas E. Ottone. I invite everyone to take part in this interesting event.

I look forward to meeting you during the 21st International Plastination Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, from July 15th to 18th next year, the dates voted for by the majority of our community members. I really hope that the maximum number of our colleagues will take part in this Conference.

Traditionally, the new academic year begins in September in the Northern Hemisphere. I would like to wish all our colleagues involved in the educational process success in their work and new scientific achievements in plastination.

Sincerely,

Dmitry Starchik,
ISP President