LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As I open the second issue of our journal for 2025, I am pleased to look back and acknowledge with satisfaction the positive results of the past year, and to look ahead with enthusiasm to all the important and exciting developments that await us in 2026.

One of the key events for our community was the 13th Interim Meeting of the International Society for Plastination, held from December 1–5, 2025, in Temuco, Chile, at the welcoming venue of Universidad de La Frontera. The forum became a truly unique combination of a scientific program, congress, and workshop, and turned into an outstanding event not only for the Society but also for plastinators in Latin America, strengthening the regional center of expertise in plastination and anatomical techniques.

The meeting was organized at an exceptionally high level by the Vice President of the Society, Professor Nicolás Ottone, and his team. Their enthusiasm, professionalism, and hospitality created an atmosphere that will long remain in the memory of every participant. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizers for the excellent preparation and successful execution of this event.

The meeting abstracts and a brief report are presented at the beginning of this issue so that readers may immediately experience its atmosphere and scientific richness.

I would also like to highlight that during the meeting in Temuco, a session on ethical issues in plastination was held, with many colleagues participating online. The lively and meaningful discussion demonstrated how relevant this topic is to our professional community and how important a unified approach to ethical matters is for all of us.

The year 2026 promises to be both busy and highly significant for our Society. We will hold elections for the governing body—an event that will determine the Society's development for the coming years. In June, alongside the elections, we plan to conduct a survey of Society members on ethical issues; a working group has already been established to prepare it. We count on the active participation of all members in this important discussion.

The major event of 2026 will be the 22nd Conference of the International Society for Plastination, to be held in Odense, Denmark. We are sincerely grateful to Council Member Annette Dall for kindly undertaking the role of conference organizer.

I wish each of you success in the coming year, creative inspiration, new professional achievements, and engaging collaborative projects. I sincerely look forward to meeting you in person in Denmark.

With best wishes,
Respectfully,

Dmitry Starchik
President of the International Society for Plastination