

What a challenging beginning of the year!

At the beginning of the 28th year of the life of our Acta Dermatovenerologica Croatica Journal, we experienced so many challenges which are quite difficult to grasp of and which nobody could predicted in advance. It all began with some vague information from Wuhan about a new virus which was spreading quickly and which eventually led to a lock-down in our country as well. We had hoped that this would not have such a big impact on the life of the Journal, in fact we hoped that may some of our potential authors would have more time to finalize their previous research and send us their manuscripts. But everything changed in the early morning on March 22 when Zagreb experienced the most devastating earthquake in the last 140 years. We lost the building of the Department of Dermatology and Venereology which was the headquarters of the Journal as well as the building of the School of Medicine University of Zagreb where the server of our Journal was situated. Like many other buildings in Zagreb, both will be unusable for a long time. After overcoming our initial shock from the

earthquake, we realized that our server had broken down and we are still having significant difficulties in getting all the data out of it.

All of this has resulted in a large delay in the preparation of this issue, which we hope to compensate with the hard work of the editorial board and the editorial office.

We have also introduced some changes. I would like to express my great gratitude to the longstanding Editorial assistant Mrs. Gordana Dučkić who was part of the editorial team for many years and contributed a lot to the development of the Journal. I would like to welcome Mrs. Marijana Gelo who will be part of our editorial team in the future.

We also have some new members of the Editorial Board, and hope to introduce some new members and other novelties during this special and challenging year.

I hope you will enjoy reading articles in this issue and follow us in the future.

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Editor-in-Chief

