

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

There have been some changes in the Southeastern European Medical Journal (SEEMEDJ). Professor Ines Drenjančević, MD, PhD, who established the journal and invested significant effort into its development, has decided to step down as Editor-in-Chief. She will continue her work as a member of the editorial board. We are immensely grateful for Professor Drenjančević's contributions to SEEMEDJ from 2017 to 2023.

The role of Editor-in-Chief has been taken over by Dunja Degmečić, who, along with members of the editorial team—Maja Miškulin, Aleksandar Kibel, Antonio Kokot, Jasenka Wagner Kostadinović, Hrvoje Brkić, Anđela Grgić, Marija Raguž, and Kristina Kralik—will continue the development of our journal.

The editorial team is pleased to present the new Volume 7, Number 2, 2023 issue of the Southeastern European Medical Journal (SEEMEDJ). This issue includes articles from various specialties in medicine, such as cardiology, internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, addictions, public health, health studies, and an article on the history of medicine. The themes of the articles are truly intriguing and interesting.

It is also important to highlight the artwork on the cover page of this issue. It features a pencil drawing on paper by Julije Knifer, titled "Meandar," 10-23 XI.78 Zg, 1978, from the fund of the Museum of Fine Arts in Osijek (MLU – 4838).

On behalf of the editorial board and myself, I warmly greet our readers and invite them to join us in publishing their own scientific work with the Southeastern European Medical Journal (SEEMEDJ). Together, let us continue to illuminate the path ahead, guided by the spirit of inquiry, compassion, and progress in the ever-intriguing field of medicine.

Sincerely,

Dunja Degmečić
Editor-in-Chief