



EDITORIAL / УВОДНИК

Serbian Archives of Medicine – the 2024 highlights



At the beginning of each new year, people glance at the memories left behind and then hopefully look forward to creating new, even more inspiring ones in the year ahead. And it is the same for us at the Serbian Archives of Medicine, the official journal of the Serbian Medical Society, the oldest society of its kind in modern medical Serbian history, founded in Belgrade (Serbia), on April 22, 1872 (according to the Julian calendar), i.e., May 4, 1872 (according to the Gregorian calendar) [1, 2].

In its most recent history, more precisely over the past six years that this Editorial Board was in charge, and amidst endeavors to render our journal more *en vogue* and keep the pace with global trends, including electronic submissions and editorial office handling of manuscripts, while at the same time encourage authors to embrace these novelties, the COVID-19 pandemic hit and did not spare a bit the medical and scientific community. Irrelevant of the challenging three years of pandemic and the following three in modest conditions linked to limited financial resources of the Serbian Medical Society that burdened the technical section of the Editorial office with additional chores, we are glad that we managed to conclude the year 2024 according to existing plans. We preserved its publishing continuity established back in December 2018, while the growing trend of submissions noted in 2023 was maintained throughout 2024, but now with a significant increase of foreign authors and acceptance of foreign reviewers to review papers *pro bono*.

Even in 2020, in spite of COVID-19 pandemic, we have called the attention of the growing global medical issue i.e., burnout, work-related syndrome, which at that time reached an epidemic level, and therefore has been recognized by the World Health Organization [3, 4]. Sadly, this issue while taking its toll on all employed

in the healthcare sector, has proportionately grown in popularity research-wise [5], but we have only recently started to see submissions addressing it on a national scale.

Among other pressing issues, we have also tried to emphasize the necessity of relevant stakeholders' and legislators' engagement linked to most vulnerable in our society such as women, elderly and children as patients and women as healthcare providers who face additional daily challenges in a society that has been increasingly normalizing all forms of violence, starting from neglect in providing timely healthcare [6, 7]. We are grateful that in this effort to better our society as a whole, we could count on the support of the professors from Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade and private Universities as well who have participated both as authors and reviewers.

Over the past year, due to the exponentially growing number of submissions where ones from abroad stopped being a surprise, the Editorial Board has played an important part in supporting the Editor-in-Chief who due to aforementioned unfortunate events (the pandemic and ensuing financial scarcity, or maybe even *vice versa*) has taken upon herself numerous time-consuming tasks below the pay grade of the position. So, for the second year in a row, we have faced all options of compensating the technical support failures to be exhausted, despite our ongoing efforts. Authors' training to use the Serbian Archives of Medicine submission system in all stages of a submission have continued during 2024 which remains a time-consuming effort for although CEON offers a guide available to download online, a very small percentage of Serbian authors use it or shows willingness to. With a growing number of submissions, the number of registered users has increased as well, and since the process is not simple, it demands

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patience and tolerance in clarifying causes of encountered issues and further advisements on resolving it. The situation was additionally aggravated by the fact that internet providers encountered difficulties in their own area caused by additional increase in the number of internet users – a fact our authors are unaware of, which can cause additional frustration of the painstaking process that is independent of the Journal's requirements. Besides, academic networks have been targeted by hackers and malware, which furthermore aggravated occasional exchanges with the authors and reviewers, as much as the mere power shortages that can cause similar problems. Fortunately, our reviewers have fully embraced the electronic submission and review process.

The importance of use of iThenticate aiming to diminish plagiarism has helped discourage authors to use copy/paste during editing, although the program itself has its inherent logical drawbacks. Communicating the results of this analysis prior addressing a submission to further review, has been a delicate and complex process whether in contact with the authors or the reviewers.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to our partners – Službeni Glasnik and their Department in charge of our Journal's publishing process, in particular to Ms. Jasmina Živković, and Bytesoft company that has provided our website maintenance even when frugality made us end our formal contract, they provided us with an invaluable collaborator, Mr. Nemanja Anđelov who worked tirelessly all year round. Thanks to these two amazing people who never cared whether it was a working day or a weekend, our Journal hit both the stands and was available online in expected deadlines. I am convinced that the Serbian Medical Society and the Republic of Serbia shall find the needed resources to improve our Journal's logistic support and make one more step forward – or shall I say backward – and rejoin the PubMed search engine where it was last listed back in 2017.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Editorial Board, the Publisher's Advisory Board and our reviewers (Table 1) for their selfless engagement during the past year.

At the end of my six-year term, I owe a special debt of gratitude to our two Editors gone too soon – Academicians Milorad Mitković (1950–2021) and Zoran Krivokapić (1955–2022). Not only did they personally review papers in record times, but they offered continuous support in advising

in reviewers process beyond orthopedic and abdominal surgery which were their respective subspecialty fields.

Our Editorial Board lived some festive moments as well during 2024, and those were its members promotions: a corresponding member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, professor Tatjana Simić, was promoted to the rank of academician only a month after stepping in her new role of the dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Belgrade in October 2024, as the third woman in our faculty's 104-year-long history and professor Gordana Kocić joined the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts as corresponding member. Both of our amazing and inspiring colleagues to all women in medicine, always found time to both review and guidance on adequate reviewers whenever turned to for advice.

At the end of my term, allow me to express special thanks to academician professor Radoje Čolović, a stellar President of the Serbian Medical Society who not only entrusted me with this challenging and inspiring role, but also gifted me this honor each doctor and scientist in Serbia can be bestowed with and that is to become the Editor-in-Chief of the Serbian Archives of Medicine.

The Serbian Medical Society since December 2023 is led by its new President, professor Milan A. Nedeljković, upon whose proposal, on February 6, 2025, the Assembly of the Serbian Medical Society, has decided to endorse the Editorial Board with one more Editor-in-Chief, professor Siniša Stojković, full and active professor of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Belgrade whom I wish a warm welcome aboard on this occasion while I hope this is just a first step announcing more involvement of colleagues from other medical schools nation-wide.

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Table 1. The list of the Serbian Archives of Medicine reviewers in 2024

1. Antić Andrija	58. Jakšić Vesna	115. Mijač Dragana
2. Arsenijević Miloš	59. Janković Aleksandra	116. Mijajlović Milija
3. Avram Nada	60. Janković Radmila	117. Milenković Pavle
4. Babović Ivana	61. Janković Svetlana	118. Miličković Maja
5. Baljošević Ivan	62. Janjić Vladimir	119. Milinković Iva
6. Baraba Anja	63. Ječmenica Lukić Milica	120. Milosavljević Vladimir
7. Barać Aleksandra	64. Jeremić Jelena	121. Milošević Ivan
8. Basarić Dragan	65. Ješić Miloš	122. Milošević Ivana
9. Baščarević Zoran	66. Jiang Xiangao	123. Milošević Nataša
10. Bašić Dragoslav	67. Jotić Ana	124. Milovanović Darko
11. Belojević Goran	68. Jovanović Milan	125. Milovanović Jovica
12. Bila Jelena	69. Jovanović Tanja	126. Milovanović Suzara
13. Bila Jovan	70. Jovanović Medojević Milica	127. Milutinović Suzana
14. Bilanović Dragoljub	71. Jovanović Simić Jelena	128. Mitrović Nikola
15. Biljana Medjo	72. Jović Andrija	129. Nastasović Tijana
16. Binić Ivana	73. Kalezić Nevena	130. Naumović Radomir
17. Bokun Jelena	74. Kalezić Tanja	131. Nedeljkić Milan
18. Božić Marija	75. Kell Douglas	132. Nedeljkić Miloš
19. Bulat Petar	76. Knežević Nebojša	133. Nikitović Marina
20. Cerovac Nataša	77. Kocić Gordana	134. Nikolić Božana
21. Chen Guang	78. Kojić Zvezdana	135. Nikolić Dimitrije
22. Chen Guo-An	79. Konstantinović Ljubica	136. Novaković Ivana
23. Chen Ziang	80. Kontić Milica	137. Obradović Đuričić Kosovka
24. Clichici Simona Valeria	81. Kontić Olivera	138. Obrenović Kirčanski Biljana
25. Crnogorac Snežana	82. Kostić Mirjana	139. Omeragić Feđa
26. Čolić Snežana	83. Kostić Svetislav	140. Özer Zülfünaz
27. Čolović Milica	84. Kovač Jelena	141. Palibrk Ivan
28. Čolović Radoje	85. Kovačević Igor	142. Palibrk Tomislav
29. Čeranić Miljan	86. Kravljanac Ružica	143. Parapid Biljana
30. Dimitrijević Lidija	87. Krstić Ivana	144. Pavić Slađana
31. Dimitrijević Milovan	88. Krstić Miodrag	145. Pavlović Milorad
32. Ding Lingling	89. Kuzmanović Miloš	146. Pavlović Sonja
33. Dinić Ljubomir	90. Lačković Maja	147. Peco Antić Amira
34. Divac Nevena	91. Lađević Nebojša	148. Pejović Milovančević Milica
35. Dizdarević Sabina	92. Lalić Nensi	149. Perić Stojan
36. Đikanović Bosiljka	93. Lalošević Dušan	150. Petronijević Milan
37. Đorđević Igor	94. Latas Milan	151. Petrović Milan
38. Đorđević Vladimir	95. Lazarević Dragana	152. Plešinac Karapandžić Vesna
39. Đorđević Jocić Jasmina	96. Lazić Zoran	153. Pokrajac Danka
40. Đukanović Ljubica	97. Lečić Toševski Dušica	154. Popović Dušan
41. Đukić Vojko	98. Lešić Aleksandar	155. Poskurica Mileta
42. Đurić Stefanović Aleksandra	99. Maksimović Nataša	156. Prodanović Nikola
43. Franić Damir	100. Mandinić Zoran	157. Radenković Dejan
44. Gajić Ina	101. Marić Gorica	158. Radlović Nedeljko
45. Galun Danijel	102. Marić Nebojša	159. Radosavljević Aleksandra
46. Galunić Bilić Lea	103. Marinković Darko	160. Radović Katarina
47. Gjorgijevska Elizabeta	104. Marinković Vesna	161. Radunović Goran
48. Glišić Branislav	105. Marković Dubravka	162. Rajković Nataša
49. Gojnić Miroslava	106. Marković Roberta Teofilo	163. Rakić Snežana
50. Golubović Emilija	107. Marković Nikolić Nataša	164. Randelović Pavle
51. Gotić Mirjana	108. Martinović Tamara	165. Ravić Ana
52. He Mu	109. Matić Aleksandar	166. Ristanović Momčilo
53. He Wei	110. Matić Slađana	167. Ristić Gorica
54. Ilić Đorđe	111. Micev Marjan	168. Rocco Nicola
55. Ilić Miroslav	112. Micić Ivan	169. Rozman Aleš
56. Ille Tatjana	113. Mihajlović Goran	170. Sajkovski Aleksandar
57. Ivanov Olivera	114. Mihalj Marija	171. Samardžić Janko

172. Sekulić Vuk
173. Shi Ji-chan
174. Simić Dušica
175. Simić Radoje
176. Sirlak Mustafa
177. Sparić Radmila
178. Stamenković Bojana
179. Stamenković Dragoslav
180. Stanković Ivana
181. Stanojković Tatjana
182. Stefanović Neda
183. Stepanović Aleksandar
184. Stevanović Goran
185. Stevanović Vesna
186. Stjepanović Mihailo
187. Stojanović Dušica
188. Stojanović Milenković Roksanda
189. Stolić Radojica
190. Stratimirović Đorđe
191. Svetel Marina
192. Šarenac Tatjana
193. Šefik Bukilica Mirjana
194. Šljivančanin Jakovljević Tamara
195. Taschieri Silvio
196. Tasić Velibor
197. Teofilovski Parapid Gordana
198. Tirnanić Tanja
199. Todorović Ljubomir
200. Todorović Vera
201. Tomić Dragan
202. Trbojević Stanković Jasna
203. Trenkić Marija
204. Tudzarova Gjorgova Smilja
205. Vacić Zoran
206. Valla Frederic
207. Vasić Milena
208. Vasiljević Mladenko
209. Vassileva Snežina
210. Velicki Lazar
211. Veljković Andrej
212. Videnović Nebojša
213. Vojinov Saša
214. Vojvodić Nikola
215. Vujotić Ljiljana
216. Vuletić Biljana
217. Yang Zhan-Min
218. Zdraveska Marija
219. Zlatković Švenda Mirjana
220. Žagar Ivana