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НОВИМ ПОДУХВАТИМА

The year behind us was full of challenges, but nonetheless one of many achieved goals. It was also the very first filled with dynamic changes. One of those was bidding farewell to many of our longstanding members of the International Editorial Board of our Journal. They have – each one in his or her way – to the best of their abilities and under the circumstances at the time, given the best they could and I take this opportunity to thank them for being with us and helping us grow (Table 1).

To the new members of our current International Editorial Board – and whose names you'll find in the issue of our Journal (2025. Vol 154, Issue 1-2) – I wish a warm welcome. Furthermore, the decision of the *Serbian Medical Society* and its President Prof. Milan Nedeljkovic, to empower the Editorial Board with more colleagues from other medical schools nationwide appeared to be very helpful, particularly in the situation of financial adversity. Even in the face of that prolonged struggle that prevented us from expanding our technical editorial office, medical doctors and University Professors serving on our boards, have generously accepted taking upon themselves providing additional technical support and administrative tasks related to meeting our bimonthly publication in a timely fashion.

As it is well known, *Serbian Archives of Medicine* is 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), but the first issue of the *Serbian Archives of Medicine* was published only two years later. Then, Serbia has not yet regained its sovereignty, but even

when it eventually had, the fight for its preservation shall obstruct the regular publication of our journal [1, 2, 3].

Honoring both, the legacy and postulates of the visionary and cosmopolite founders of the *Serbian Medical Society*, as well as the demands of contemporary publishing, during 2025, not only that we have maintained the trend of growing interest of international Authors, but significantly increased it in comparison to 2024.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that the importance lies in emphasizing diseases and epidemics not only “where Serbs live” [1] as *Serbian Archives of Medicine*'s first editions wished 154 years ago aiming to increase local knowledge, but in general, because advances in technology and transport have brought people together much faster than then, even when continents apart [4, 5]. We published results of national and global researchers addressing a variety of infectious and non-communicable diseases [6, 7], equally. But, in 2025 we haven't neglected basic biomedical research either [8], that you can find in this issue as well (Starcevic et al, 2026). During the year behind us, our Journal has as well followed the technical and technological advances both in medicine and dentistry [9, 10]. Noncommunicable diseases in less affluent societies and regions have lived their own challenges since the COVID-19 pandemic and together with doctors' rights, they remain a bane of our existence. One of the papers addressing those issues can be found in this Issue of the *Serbian Archives of Medicine* (Galic et.al, 2026), again.

Truth be told, sometimes it's easier to find reviewers among legal minds when researchers from their field submit to our Journal, than among doctors themselves irrelevant of the fact whether the Authors are doctors or lawyers. Publishing of these papers that address usually highly sensitive topics not only in Serbia, but worldwide wouldn't be possible without continuous support we get from the Professors from the Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade and

other private Universities as well, who have volunteered their time to participate not only as Authors, but as Reviewers as well.

Furthermore, in 2025 we managed to preserve the *Serbian Archives of Medicine* publishing on a bi-monthly basis established back in December 2018 and always on time. Besides the growing trends of submissions first noted in 2023, in 2025 we witnessed a significant increase of International Authors and acceptance of International Reviewers who accepted providing timely reviews *pro bono* (Table 2). We have, thus, fulfilled an important request of our external evaluators for we publish not only papers related to regional health problems and providing insight of regional relevance, that Reviewers of our regional submissions are as well global for which we are additionally indebted with our International Reviewers as much as we value our Regional ones, for its their input that often provides valuable insight to readers eventually and hence increases our visibility worldwide.

Serbian Archives of Medicine has for the seventh year in a row provided continuous education of our Authors and Reviewers that helps them navigate our online submission system. Although CEON does offer a Guide, and we offer Instructions for Authors on our journal website 24 hours, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year including holidays, a very small percentage of Authors shows willingness to use either and opt for calls and emails to both, the technical office and Editorial Board members as well. Recently, the situation was additionally aggravated by the fact that some of the local internet providers encountered difficulties, rendering our job in that department more time consuming, while equally frustrating as our Authors have. Last year, again, academic networks have been targeted by hackers and malware, which occasionally created unpleasant communications between the Authors and the Reviewers of their submissions where we aimed to mediate in the best interest of the publication.

The second year in a row, we have noticed that the use of iThenticate – introduced back in 2019 in our fight against plagiarism – has helped discourage Authors to use copy/paste during editing which is a very promising sign! Unfortunately, at the end of last year iThenticate changed the interface, and the new one looks like less user-friendly than the previous one was.

With all local and global events of the 2025, our Editorial policy hasn't failed neither our Forefathers, nor the challenges that the second quarter of our century expects us to rise up to. In that regard, we have managed to encompass (1) independent research of national Authors discussing statistical data of diseases in Serbia and neighbouring countries; (2) independent discussions from different medical and allied professions research fields; (3) reviews of current medical achievements worldwide; (4) critical analyses of existing national sanitary/epidemiological positions, national medical books and research. [2]

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, but also to Mr. Nemanja Anđelov who was in charge of the Journal website, for their tireless work and unending enthusiasm. Thanks to these two amazing people who never cared about "working hours", *Serbian Archives of Medicine* keeps meeting needed deadlines and "hitting the stand" on time.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to all Members of the Editorial Board, the Publisher's Advisory Board and all our Reviewers for their selfless engagement during the past year.

Still, I call on your attention to another challenge ahead of us – a lovely, joyful and encouraging – but full of hopes for a better future for all of us at the *Serbian Medical Society* and the Editorial office of the *Serbian Archives of Medicine* and that is the **21st Congress of the Doctors of Serbia** scheduled to happen in Zlatibor, Serbia this Spring (May 15-17, 2026).

As I conclude this Editorial of the first issue of the *Serbian Archives of Medicine* for 2026, I'll appeal – time and again – for the *Serbian Medical Society* and the **Republic of Serbia** to allocate necessary additional financial resources needed to improve our Journal's logistics and thus help return this national heirloom of ours – a true gemstone of national medical publishing and heritage – back where it belonged until 2017 which is the PubMed search engine.

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