

EDITORIAL



Why another journal? Well, why not?

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As President of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS), it is both an honour and a privilege to have been invited to write this editorial for the inauguration of *Neurohirurgija – The Serbian Journal of Neurosurgery*.

This new journal represents yet another venture from the neurosurgical community in Serbia, whose dedication and positive energy have made a mark over the last ten years and more in European neurosurgery, while expanding our professional family, and culminating in Belgrade being our host city for the EANS Annual Congress in October 2022.

Why another journal? one might ask. Well, why not?

Our professional field has continued to expand in both clinical and basic science and the medium of scientific communication continues to evolve. Our way of thinking or sharing knowledge ought not be subject to any ‘monopoly’ from any few established journals, whose contributions and quality remain important, but it should be open to innovation, competition, disruptive ideas and overall, to opportunities for our community - from younger to older - to communicate and share our thoughts, work, and insights.

Within a year from now the Serbian Neurosurgical Society will be celebrating its centenary. It is very relevant, therefore, that this journal has recently been launched. With its open access profile, and no charges to authors nor readers, this represents both progressive thinking and action.

Serbian and Balkan culture are a great mix of East and West, North and South, traditional and modern; a vibrant style that will hopefully translate into a strong and successful contribution to our clinical science. It is not easy to launch a journal and it is much harder to maintain one. But if it were easy, who would be interested.

I wish *Neurohirurgija – The Serbian Journal of Neurosurgery* the best of luck and great success; and look forward to reading and learning about the future of neurosurgery’s art, craft, and science.

