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Entering Our Third Year: Building Bridges in Pediatric Surgery

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Fellow Travelers on the Path of Children's Surgical Care,

As we proudly step into the third year of *Surgery on Children*, we pause for a moment not only to celebrate what has been achieved, but also to renew the promise that brought us together in the first place: to create a common home for everyone whose daily work revolves around the surgical care of infants, children, and adolescents.

Two years ago we started with a simple belief: pediatric surgery is not the monopoly of surgeons alone. Anesthesiologists who gently guide a neonate through a complex procedure, intensive care specialists who guard fragile lives hour by hour, pediatricians who prepare families and follow them for years, nurses who translate fear into trust, operating-room teams who turn chaos into precision; every one of these professionals shapes the outcome as decisively as the hand that holds the scalpel. We wanted a journal that would reflect this reality, a place where all voices could be heard equally.

Today that vision is no longer just a hope; it is a growing reality. Manuscripts now reach us from six continents. Our pages carry original studies from Latin America, challenging case series from Southeast Asia, thoughtful reviews from Scandinavia, and quality-improvement projects from Africa. Being indexed in EBSCOhost and Index Copernicus International has widened our reach and, more importantly, has brought new authors who might otherwise never have considered submitting to a young journal. We are deeply grateful for the trust placed in us.

We are equally aware of the roads still less traveled. Submissions in pediatric ophthalmological surgery, congenital cardiac surgery, and pediatric neurosurgery remain scarce; yet these fields are rich with questions that only multicenter collaboration and shared experience can answer. We therefore extend a special invitation to colleagues in these subspecialties: your perspective is needed, your data are precious, and *Surgery on Children* is ready to be your platform.

Our scope, however, continues to broaden in the most encouraging way. We now regularly receive papers on perioperative pain management, ethical dilemmas in adolescent surgery, long-term outcomes of minimally invasive techniques, psychological support for children and parents, and innovations in surgical education; exactly the multidisciplinary conversation we dreamed of fostering.

None of this would have been possible without you; the authors who entrusted us with their work, the reviewers who gave countless unpaid hours to improve every manuscript, the editorial board members who believed in the project from day one, and the readers who keep coming back. On behalf of the entire editorial team, I offer our deepest thanks.

As we begin volume three, our commitment remains unchanged: to publish rigorous, useful, and inclusive science that ultimately serves one purpose; helping the child on the operating table today and improving the care of the child who will lie there tomorrow.

We look forward to walking the year ahead together.

With warmest regards,

Atilla ŞENAYLI

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