A LETTER FROM THE BSR PRESIDENT

JBR-BTR, a new start

Dear colleagues,

This first issue of the 98th volume of our Journal is a very special one. It may well become a collector’s item, because it is the last issue that will be distributed in print version. The JBR-BTR hence concludes a long history of radiological publishing, founded in 1907 and spanning more than 100 years, interrupted only by the two world wars.

This by no means implies the disappearance of JBR-BTR! In fact, the Journal is very alive and remains one of the keystones of our Society life. As it proudly announces in each issue, it is essentially a journal devoted to diagnostic and interventional imaging, related imaging sciences and continuing education. Hence, it constitutes an indispensable forum for residents and young investigators, but equally for certified and settled radiologists and their colleagues.

In keeping with contemporary technical developments, the BSR Board has taken up the challenge to migrate the Journal to a new and appealing open-access electronic platform, opening unprecedented opportunities for easy manuscript submission, editing, peer-review, publishing and archiving. All published articles will be freely available online in an attractive browsable format, with all necessary features for easy searching and retrieval. With this innovation, the BSR has chosen the path of a proficient and cost-efficient use of its resources.

A special tribute to our eminent Editor-in-Chief, Professor Jacques Pringot, is in order. For many years, Professor Pringot has been a highly devoted, trustworthy and persistent Editor-in-Chief, without whom the Journal would not have reached its current standards. The BSR is therefore immensely pleased that Professor Pringot accepted to continue his efforts as Editor-in-Chief of our refurbished Journal. A special word of thanks also goes to Dr. Patrick Seynaeve who as Managing Editor kept the financial status of our Journal in good health, and to Dr. Piet Vanhoenacker who facilitated the smooth transition of our Journal to its digital platform.

Farewell JBR-BTR after many years of high-quality publishing!

And welcome back JBR-BTR (http://www.bsr-web.be/Journals), our anchor in the digital era!

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