



**Dear Colleagues,**

In February 2017, the foregoing VSJ Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Tadeusz Wróblewski, after over 11 years of hard work, resigned from his post and delegated further management of our journal to me, with the consent of the Board of the Videosurgery Section of the Polish Surgeons' Society (TCHP).

I must say that I apprehensively accepted this honorable task, bearing in mind the accomplishments of both my predecessor and the first Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Prof. Edward Stanowski. Thanks to many years of hard work of both professors, today "Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques" is one of the few journals on the Polish medical market that may boast about its impact factor, and it receives papers written by authors from all over the world. Thanks to the publications in "Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques", many of us have added to our academic achievements, at the same time attaining further degrees.

At such an important moment for me, I want to thank them cordially for that, also on behalf of Polish surgeons.

Therefore I have undertaken the difficult task of continuing the development of "Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques", so that finally it will match the western journals in its scientific impact.

With this aim in mind we are introducing numerous changes. We are changing the information system for submitting papers. All the authors will now be asked to suggest additionally one of the reviewers. The papers will be evaluated concurrently by our new team of "Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques" reviewers, consisting of the most prominent figures of Polish medicine. We will try to shorten the publishing cycle to 3–4 weeks.

We wish to motivate for scientific work also the young, who are frequently underestimated. We suggest co-creation of a new section of the journal, "Surgical Education". It will include modern review papers concerning different fields of minimally invasive surgery, which at the same time will constitute the first indexed articles in the scientific achievements of residents, young doctors or students. Thus we will create a database of information that will constitute a valuable source of surgical knowledge that is useful during specialization. On the part of the editorship, we will offer editorial help and discounts for authors.

Moreover, starting from this year, as part of the programs of conferences and surgery conventions, we want to actively co-create discussion panels and scientific sessions. I am already announcing a competition for the best conference paper submitted for this year's TCHP Convention in Krakow, under the patronage of the "Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques" patron section. The winners will receive an award in the form of free publication in our journal.

These suggestions have already been met with approval among a large group of Polish professors, including our consultant, Prof. Grzegorz Wallner, and President of the Section of Videosurgery, Prof. Marek Jackowski, who offered their active assistance.

I also encourage my fellow doctors from all over the world to cooperate. We are waiting, among others, for people eager to manage the website and social profiles of "Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques".

I believe that thanks to our future cooperation our journal will gain a place in the European premier league.

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