

Editor's Page

Dear Romanian Neurosurgery Reader,

I am pleased to introduce the first editor's notes of the Romanian Neurosurgery journal.

We will try to publish four issues of our journal this year; we have received an increasing number of excellent submissions and to support our aim to publish as many high –quality articles, we will therefore revise the instructions to authors and we will publishe these in next issue, but as soon as on the site of the journal. The articles are published in advance online before being assigned to a print issue, ensuring that the final version of your paper is published in the next issue; our site is <http://www.roneurosurgery.eu>.

The February issue starts with historical paper on Professor Constantin Arseni who in the 20th century spent most of his professional life studying neurosurgery in Romania and published the first comprehensive neurosurgical works in our country.

This is followed by an extensive article on brain monitoring in severe traumatic brain injury; the BrainIT group worked collaboratively on developing standards for collection and analyses of data from brain injured patients. In this study they have shown that it is feasible to collect the BrainIT dataset from multiple centres in an international setting with IT based methods and that the accuracy of the data collected is greater than or equal to 94%.

There are several original studies dealing with different aspects of unruptured arteriovenous malformations of the brain, meningioma association with different cell types, the first part of a study on endoscopic endonasal transsphenoidal approach in the management of sellar and parasellar lesions, the second part of a study on decompressive craniectomy and its indications and a histological study of the diagnostic value of silver nitrate staining in cerebral astrocytic tumors.

More clinical studies, case reports and technical notes of interest are also included, on subjects such as: microsurgical approach in a thoracic meningioma in elderly and complete tumour resection using the operating microscope, a case of a medial temporal arterio-venous malformation and its surgery, atlanto-axial distraction with complete spinal cord injury, multiple small meningiomas with transitory stroke like symptoms and others. The management of a polytrauma patient with severe traumatic brain injury in a multidisciplinary approach based on trauma protocols is presented, also a case of traumatic lumbar spondylolisthesis and a case of a giant frontal and cerebellopontine angle epidermoid cyst are presented.

The Editorial Office hope you enjoy reading this issue; I remember you we need your help to publish four issues this year.

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