

New sections for Techniques in Coloproctology and other announcements

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We are happy to announce that we have expanded the journal, adding sections on Pelvic Floor Disease and Urogynecology, Pediatric Colorectal Surgery, Education, Training and Simulation, and Imaging.

Dr. Willy Davila joins *Techniques in Coloproctology* (TCOL) as the Editor of the new Pelvic Floor Disease and Urogynecology section. Dr. Davila is the current President of the International Urogynecological Association, is the Chairman of the Department of Gynecology at Cleveland Clinic Florida and is a world authority in pelvic prolapse surgery and treatment of urinary dysfunctions. He has published more than 140 peer-reviewed articles and has been the editor and guest editor of five books, all focusing on the multidisciplinary management of pelvic floor disorders and incontinence. He is taking on the difficult task of bridging knowledge gaps between different specialties treating pelvic floor disorders in the complex and continuously evolving field of pelviperineology.

Prof. David van der Zee has joined the Editorial Board as Editor of the new Pediatric Colorectal Disease section. Prof. van der Zee has been involved in minimally invasive surgery in children and neonates since the late 1980s and has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers, many of them on endoscopic surgery. He is involved in education and training in IPEG, EAES, the Dutch Society of Endoscopic Surgery and Utrecht University Hospital. He has been Chief of the Department of Pediatric Surgery in

Utrecht since 2006 and was appointed Professor in Pediatric Surgery in 2009. In 2010, he launched the Centre of Excellence in Endoscopic Surgery in Children and Neonates at Wilhelmina Children's Hospital. Prof. van der Zee is also the second Vice President of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group (Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7).

Mr. Nader Francis is joining TCOL as Editor of the new section of Education, Training and Simulation. Since taking up his post in Yeovil, UK, in 2006, Mr Francis has had a pivotal role in laparoscopic colorectal surgery training in England. In addition to his role as lead surgeon and preceptor within the South West Surgical Training Network, Mr. Francis is the founder of the British section of the International Society of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS-UK) and was involved in the national training programmes of laparoscopic colorectal surgery (LAPCO) and low rectal cancer (LoRec) in England. Besides his many publications in the fields of training and education in laparoscopic colorectal surgery, Mr. Francis has published a manual on Enhanced Recovery in Colorectal Surgery (Springer 2012) and is currently publishing "Trainer in Minimal Access Surgery Manual" (Springer 2014).

Dr. Vittorio Piloni who has collaborated for years with TCOL will spearhead the new section of Diagnostic Imaging. Dr. Piloni is an authority in diagnostic imaging for functional bowel disease, a field in continuous evolution. He will be helped by an international team of radiologists with different areas of expertise (Drs. Bacigalupo, Guo, Spieler and Thoshav, all joining the editorial board).

Finally, with the help of Mr. Steve Brown, we have started a new collaboration with Cochrane called "Cochrane digest" that will include comments on the latest Cochrane reviews. Dr. Brown is the current Editor for the Cochrane Colorectal Cancer Group and published extensively on broad range of colorectal topics including

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Fig. 1 Dr. Guillermo (Willy) Davila, Editor of the Pelvic Floor and Urogynecology section

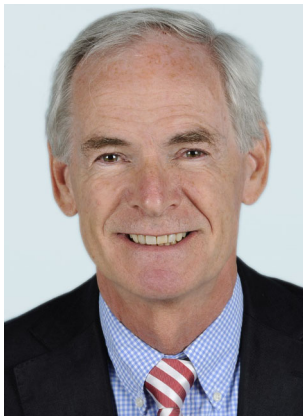


Fig. 2 Prof. David van der Zee, Editor of the Pediatric Colorectal Disease section

Fig. 3 Mr. Nader Francis, Editor of the Education, Training and Simulation section



Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Pelvic Floor Surgery and a textbook on coloproctology.

Prof. Stefano Rosso will join our team of statisticians and epidemiologists. Prof. Rosso is senior epidemiologist at Piedmont Cancer Registry and teaches Epidemiology at Turin University. He is the chairman of the European Network of Cancer Registries and has authored or co-authored 12 books on epidemiology and oncology as well as many high-impact publications on cancer epidemiology, genetics, biostatistics and healthcare economics. His



Fig. 4 Dr. William Meng Chia-Shin, President Elect of the Hong Kong Proctological Society



Fig. 5 Dr. Kevin Yau, President of the Hong Kong Society of Minimal Access Surgery



Fig. 6 Mr. Steve Brown, Editor of the “Cochrane digest”

participation in our Editorial Board will attract contributions and collaborations in the field of epidemiology, preventive medicine and healthcare economics.

This August, the Hong Kong Society for Coloproctology has chosen TCOL as their official journal. As one of the



Fig. 7 Dr. Vittorio Piloni, Editor of the Imaging section

very first Chinese colorectal societies, it has been at the forefront of the advances in colorectal laparoscopic surgery and is the third Asian colorectal society that has chosen TCOL as its official journal. Dr. William Meng, President

Elect of the Hong Kong Society for Coloproctology, and Dr. Kevin Yau have joined the editorial board. Dr. Meng was one of the first surgeons to perform laparoscopic colorectal surgery in Hong Kong and is the leading figure in transluminal endoscopic microsurgery (TEM) in China as well as a pioneer of natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery (NOTES), single-port access (SPA) surgery and endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). Dr. Yau is currently the president of the Hong Kong Society of Minimal Access Surgery and an expert in general and colorectal laparoscopic and robotic surgery. His scholarly curriculum includes his involvement in numerous Asian and international academic societies and more than 60 peer-reviewed publications. Both Drs. Meng and Yau have extensive fellowship training in Europe and are true ambassadors of Asian surgical excellence in the international colorectal community.