



Dear colleagues and friends,

Welcome to our new scientific periodical, *Disaster and Emergency Medicine Journal*. The initiative to develop it has been received with great enthusiasm. The continuous development of medicine, including such important specialties as emergency medicine and disaster medicine, has given rise to the necessity to communicate ongoing changes to the medical community in order to broaden one's knowledge and allow an exchange of opinions. Both emergency and disaster medicine are significant branches, not only of medical research itself but also of national and local security structures. In dealing with essential healthcare problems in both hospital and pre-hospital settings, these specialties represent medical achievements that belong to those considered to be the most significant, not only for the world of science but also for human life.

Moreover, one must remember that emergency medicine systems are at the core of modern healthcare, and our task is to provide patients with high-quality care in compliance with evidence-based medicine. The congresses of both the European Resuscitation Council and the European Society for Emergency Medicine are already behind us. Nevertheless, the development of the skills and knowledge of medical personnel remains a permanent obligation. The 1st International Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine will be held in May 2017 and the Call for Papers is now open. Thus, we would like to invite you to submit abstracts concerning your most important research in order to share your experience with other practitioners from around the world. Please note that your submissions must meet the minimum research ethics standards.

The first issue of the *Disaster and Emergency Medicine Journal* reviews a broad spectrum of controversies and evolving concepts in disaster and emergency medicine presented by leading experts in the field. Here you will find interesting papers related to the improvement in chest compression efficiency during adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation, endotracheal intubation, or obtaining intraosseous access with one of the most recently developed intraosseous access devices in the world.

I would like to thank all those who contributed to this issue of the *Disaster and Emergency Medicine Journal* for devoting their time and effort, and for sharing their extraordinary expertise, which will hopefully enhance the readers' understanding of, and interest in, the field.

Above all, I would like to encourage all disaster and emergency medicine researchers and practitioners to publish their scientific papers in our quarterly. Let us create and benefit from a new platform of thought-provoking discussion in order to gain theoretical and applied advantages, both in our work and the discipline itself.



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