

BACK TO THE FUTURE ...

We are thrilled to present the summer issue of the Belgian Journal of Paediatrics. As we put the finishing touches to this issue and prepare for its release, we have a little evasive thought as we imagine all those unique and relaxing places where you might take and read your copy of the BJP. Wherever you will be, whatever you will do, we hope you will enjoy reading this issue! Whether it's on the beach, by the pool, in the mountains or simply in the garden, or perhaps waiting for the bus or the underground to go to work or to visit a museum, on a terrace or beside a river, we also hope that this issue will motivate you even more to commit to paediatrics and inspire you to come back and take care of children in the autumn! And for those of you who have forgotten their hard copy, we're delighted to announce that the journal is (and always will be) available free of charge on our website: <https://www.belgjopaediatrics.com>.

The theme of this issue is devoted to child abuse. We would like to sincerely thank our two guest editors, Marjolein Mattheij and Patrick Schlessen, who have done an enormous amount of work in preparing this subject. With the help of numerous authors who are experts in the field, they develop a comprehensive, realistic and respectful approach to these situations, which are always delicate and increasingly frequent. Marjolein Mattheij and Patrick Schlessen explain this in the following page.

We would also like to take the opportunity of this editorial to look back... and introduce a future section of the journal. At the 53rd annual Belgian Paediatric Congress in March 2025, the plenary session presentations on climate change and its impact on health were of particular interest to many of us. As paediatricians, the doctors of tomorrow's men and women, we cannot stand by and watch these upheavals take hold without speaking out. As medical practitioners and advocates for children, our role is, at the very least, to maintain hope, to explore new avenues, to publicise them, and to initiate or strengthen initiatives that can have a positive impact.

It became apparent that a significant number of actions are already being taken, either on an individual basis or within departments or hospitals. In the '**Seeds of change**' section, we invite paediatricians and caregivers who read our journal to share details of their projects and actions to promote biodiversity and sustainability.

« Do you care not only for children, but also for the world they grow up in? Do you have a project in your practice or hospital that has a positive impact on: the climate, biodiversity, sustainable mobility, waste reduction or recycling? We want to hear from you! We're looking for inspiring projects or stories from paediatricians who think and act sustainably. Whether it's a small idea or a big initiative — your story matters! »

A specific section is opened on the submission platform under the short/brief communication type. The texts will be directly reviewed by the editors. We ask you to describe the project or action undertaken or in progress, to explain the aim pursued, the results observed or expected, and the difficulties and facilitating events involved in bringing the project to a successful conclusion. The first stories will be published in the winter issue devoted to climate change and health.

Tall oaks from little acorns grow...

We wish you all a wonderful and rejuvenating summer holiday, and look forward to hearing from you in December!

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