

Editorial

Dear colleagues
Dear friends

It's springtime !

We are writing this editorial as the sun shines back in the sky of April. All around us, nature is awakening. Gradually, this weather and the widening vaccination campaign bring us some hope and perspective of returning safely to normal life.

But the situation remains delicate. We still need caution and attention. More than ever, as healthcare professionals, we need to listen to the challenges of our patients, of children and adolescents and of their families. Over the last few months, we have perceived the growing physical, psychological and social distress caused by the COVID pandemic and the restrictions it has imposed. We have to look for powerful and sustainable measures to help and to support all those who suffered from this pandemic. We will need to adapt, to be creative and persistent. This power of adaptation, this capacity of to bounce back are the strengths of children. Part of our work is to accompany and build on this resilience. This is the main focus of this BJP issue. Els Ortibus (KUL) and Bernard Dan (ULB) have coordinated the theme articles devoted to "Current perspective in child rehabilitation". The outstanding contributions they put together, reflect the dynamism of Belgian players in the field. Several articles summarize the main and latest guiding principles of pediatric rehabilitation and also explain how this can be practically applied in a range of pathologies from autistic spectrum disorder to neuromuscular disorders, oncology, cerebral palsy, and traumatic brain injury. We thank our guest editors and all the authors for their very dedicated commitment. As initiated last year, we also asked Serge Ernst and his famous cartoon character "*Boule à Zéro*" to illustrate the theme of this issue. We hope you enjoy it and better understand the concept of exergaming described by Bruno Bonnechère.

Adaptation and evolution were also addressed by the 2021 congress of the Society of Paediatrics. For the second year in a row, the organization of this major annual scientific meeting has been shaken up by the SARS-COV2. The 49th meeting of the *Belgische Vereniging voor Kindergeneeskunde / Société Belge de Pédiatrie* was organized by ULB-HUDERF and UGhent and took place virtually. Multidisciplinary specialists of children (doctors, nurses, psychologists, paramedics and even family of patients) discussed "the Changing Face of Paediatrics". The organization was a big succes with very interesting sessions, emotive parents testimonials, contributions from our young colleagues, more than 270 abstracts and over 500 attendees each day. We warmly thank the organizers and all the participants for their enthusiasm and efforts.

In addition to these theme articles, we are also very pleased to publish clinical cases and original works about many diverse subjects, mostly submitted by our younger colleagues and trainees. Several cases of infectious diseases are reported: submandibular sialadenitis in a SARS-COV2 positive patient, haemolytic uremic syndrome associated to Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*, mycoplasma respiratory infection mimicking COVID-19, leishmania, cerebral and coronary vasculitis following meningococcal meningitis. Other neurological manifestations are described in various conditions: stroke in a child with neurofibromatosis-1, delirium due to an unexpected intoxication, transient headache and neurological deficit with cerebrospinal fluid lymphocytosis, infantile spasms and seizure after carbon monoxide intoxication due to waterpipe smoking. Nathalie Van den Eynde and colleagues also report how cystic fibrosis and trisomy 21 was diagnosed in a newborn. In a more international study, Floortje Krechting and colleagues investigate the potential barriers to paediatric pain management in Senegal.

Due to an oversupply of submissions we were obliged to postpone the publication of some manuscripts and also regular contributions e.g. Made in Belgium and The Paediatric Cochrane Corner to the next issue. Hereby we want to apologize to all the authors and thank them for their understanding and their patience.

On behalf of the entire editorial board, we wish you a resourcing reading and a colorful and bright spring and summer!

Warm regards,

Christophe Chantrain and Marc Raes, editors-in-chief

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