

THE HEALTH OF THE EARTH AND HUMAN HEALTH ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED. (Pierre Rabhi)

The winter issue of the Belgian Journal of Paediatrics is devoted to climate change. Our two guest editors, Els Duval and Mark Wojciechowski, have brought together contributions from various authors detailing the impact of these changes on the health of children, families and present and future generations. We sincerely thank them and hope that you will appreciate the relevance of their work.

While the gravity of this issue is clear, the entire editorial committee has chosen to adopt a tone of mobilisation and hope. We are fortunate to be able to know and understand. We have a responsibility to inform, reflect, suggest, adapt, innovate and lead by example. As previously announced, this issue will be followed in the coming months by a special section entitled 'Seeds for the Future', in which we invite you to share the personal or professional initiatives you have taken to better respect and protect the Earth and the environment. These small gestures or initiatives may seem insignificant, but as the French essayist and ecologist Pierre Rabhi liked to remind us, it is important that everyone does their part. Yes, moving a stone can change the flow of the river. Please feel free to send us your texts via the online platform (<https://www.belgropaediatrics.com/index.php/bjp/about/submissions>) in the short communication format.

This approach is also supported by our cartoonist Serge Ernst. With the talent and humour we have come to know over many years, he has created a festive cover!

This reminds us that the situation in our complex world, that the challenges we face, can be opportunities, that they are compatible with optimism and celebration, with the values we all want to live by at the end of 2025 or at the dawn of 2026. Life is not just about consuming and accumulating. Life is also about engagement for justice and solidarity, attention and dignity for everyone. Above all, it is a wonderful opportunity to forge bonds and connect with those around us, our colleagues, our families and our loved ones. Good health also means being able to nurture these bonds, to take the time to meet, listen and share with others.

This is our wish for each and every one of you: Happy New Year and good health!

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