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It is time to change….

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The Romanian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (SRUMB) is a well known Society, already 10 years old, part of the European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB). It is a very active society, being the organizer of Euroson 2008, which was a great success. The number of its members has been increasing permanently, which can only mean that our Society has become stronger and more stable. Our Annual May meeting of ultrasound is already traditional, not to mention the fact that the conjunction with Euroson School has become a tradition for the past 8 years. All of these were possible due to a committed and determined Executive Board.

Since the beginning, SRUMB decided to publish a journal of ultrasound (Romanian Journal of Ultrasound) having as main goal the continuous medical formation of those who perform ultrasound examinations on daily practice. The journal published original papers, overviews and case presentations, in a good graphic quality. Starting with 2008, we decided that the journal should be published in English ("Medical Ultrasound"), in order to be internationally accessible, not to mention that English language facilitates Romania's integration in the European Union.

During all these years, the hard work was carried out by Professor Dr. Petru Adrian Mircea, Editor in Chief. In addition to his duties towards the University of Cluj, as well as those towards SRUMB, both of them requiring time and responsibility, he managed to gather valuable materials to be published in a valuable and attractive journal. Also the financial effort needed for the journal to be published must not be forgotten, especially since the number of sponsors in ultrasound is small. The fact that the journal is part of the SRUMB member's subscription allows it to be distributed on regular bases towards the members of our Society.

The scientific as well as the graphic qualities of the journal were almost entirely due to Professor Dr. Petru Adrian Mircea, who I personally thank, as well as in the name of the Society's members. After being the Editor in Chief of the journal for a long period of time, at his suggestion, it was decided to assign this difficult task to other SRUMB members, who were meant to maintain what was good, but also to try to obtain other valences, primarily increasing the rank of the journal according to specific classifications.

The difficult task of being Editor in Chief was assigned by the Executive Board of SRUMB to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dana Fodor, who accepted it. She is a very skilled ultrasonographist, with a long experience, having also an important scientific and didactic activity in the ultrasound field (also proven by the Treaty of Musculoskeletal Ultrasound recently published) and I believe that what counts is that she is a tenacious, ambitious person who accepted this difficult challenge.

As SRUMB members, we must help to improve our journal, by sending to publishing scientific papers of high quality, in all ultrasound branches, as well as to promote this journal to other ultrasonographists that are not yet SRUMB members, (which is totally abnormal since the Society participates to the continuous training in the ultrasound field).

To the new Editor in Chief of "Medical Ultrasound", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dana Fodor, we wish good luck in her new position, tenacity for editing it within the best conditions, and my personal promise, as well as the promise of the Executive Board of SRUMB, to offer unconditional support in order to continuously increase the scientific standard of the journal.

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