

Editorial



The year 1990 has been a turning point for Romanian society. The political changes have fundamentally modified the main social and economic policies of the country including the health domain. The possibility to be in touch with the evolution of Obstetrics and Gynecology worldwide has changed the way, we monitor pregnancy evolution and as a logical next step, dedicated doctors with the necessary will to develop perinatal medicine have appeared. Their foremost desire was to decrease the level of the indicators of morbidity/mortality in the maternal-fetal field.

One of the most important moments was the meeting of Professors Gian Carlo Di Renzo, Asim Kurjak, Cockburn, under whose guidance the Romanian Association of Perinatal Medicine was founded in 1994. The Romanian association has rapidly become a member of the European Association of Perinatal Medicine.

The various congresses, conferences and national training courses organized under the umbrella of the Romanian Association have significantly contributed to the improvement of medical assistance in Perinatal Medicine. The efforts undertaken and resulting improvements have resulted in our acceptance into the great family of Ian Donald schools. The five national training courses organized since then have benefited from the support and know-how of first rate personalities including among others: Prof Asim Kurjak, Prof Frank Chervenak, Prof Jean-Marie Thoulon, Prof Giovanni Monni, Prof Aris Antsaklis, Prof Manuel Carrapato, Prof Emil Papiernik, Prof Isaac Blickstein, Prof Nebojsa Radunovic, Prof Ermelando Cosmi, Prof Kypros Nicolaides, Prof Ritsuko K Pooh, Vincenzo D'Addario.

The most recent edition of the Ian Donald School held in Romania had 450 registered participants and was fortunate to have as special guests the management of the school that has encouraged us to publish important articles in the prestigious magazine that everyone proudly calls: the Yellow Journal. The articles selected and published in this magazine are a fine example of the scientific level attained by the Romanian medical community.

It is a great honor for me to be invited as a Guest Editor of this world-renowned journal and I consider this invitation as recognition of the contribution made by the Romanian Perinatal Medicine School to the progress of European Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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