

Editorial

Dear colleagues,
Dear friends,

Over the past months and year, we learned more than ever that life is an adventure with many unforeseeable events. We learned how to deal with fears about our world and our future. We learned to realize that uncertainty can not be excluded and is part of our existence and hopefully we learned to prepare or to be prepared for the unexpected.

We learned how complex human beings are, driven by rational, emotional, economic, cultural, personal, societal forces. We learned how important and essential it is to tackle a worldwide crisis in solidarity, balancing “me” and “we”, balancing regional and global interests, balancing science and politics, balancing physical and psycho-social wellbeing, exceeding borders, understanding each other avoiding disregard or indifference.

Gradually, restrictions are turned down so “normal” life is coming back for most of us in the different sectors in society. Elderly can meet their grandchildren, children and youngsters can have more social contacts, cultural and ceremonial events can be organized on a larger scale, work and recreation can be reorganized... all that realized by one of the most important and most valuable aspects of health care and of the whole society: **prevention**. There is no discussion that these pandemic stresses how important it is to focus on and to invest in prevention, needed to be implemented not only within health services but on a broader societal scale, in a systematic way, cross-sectional, cross-governmental and globally, and in **solidarity**.

This being said, we are pleased to present this issue of the *Belgian Journal of Paediatrics*. In the last months, we have received more and more submissions that increase the relevance of our journal and illustrate the dynamism of the Belgian paediatric community around this media. We are aware of the sometimes long delays between submission and final response to the review process. This process requires the involvement of experts who are also willing to support the learning of young authors and to guarantee the quality of our publications. We would like to thank them warmly for this important work behind the scenes. Two new members have also joined the board : Dr Els Duval and Karolien Van De Maele. We welcome and thank them for their commitment to the journal.

Once again, SARS-Cov-2 is present in this summer's issue with a reflection by F. De Meulder and J. Witters on its impact on the digitalization of care. L. and E. Bijker provide an outstanding overview on the specificities of clinical disease and transmission in children. M. Demey and colleagues also report the clinical histories of 2 adolescents with Sickle Cell anemia who developed pulmonary embolism associated with possible SARS-COV2 infection. Other infectious diseases are also discussed with an article about neuroborreliosis by J. Vanbekbergen and colleagues and an overview about diagnosis and management of osteoarticular infections in children by T. Alliet and colleagues. A case of mycoplasma pneumonia meningo-encephalitis is also reported by Z. Casier and colleagues. L. Blomme and her team present an original study about the screening for autism in young children with trisomy 21.

For young paediatricians in training, our “case report” section gives the opportunity to describe and to update their and our knowledge about unusual situations or problems that are so common that we, sometimes, forget the physiopathology. S. Pohlen reports on hemoptysis caused by the unilateral absence of pulmonary artery. W. Van Hoe illustrates extensively two cases of PIK3CA-related overgrowth spectrum. M. Verjans discusses the difference between benign coccygeal dimple and dermal sinus tract. E. Lambert reminds that febrile cholestasis may be an unusual presentation of Kawasaki disease and S. Van de Velde explores the association between PICA syndrome and iron deficiency. H. Hubinont explains how neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy may hide a spinal cord lesion. L. Neven and colleagues reported on intracranial pressure and bilateral papilledema in a boy with homocystinuria.

As usual we publish summaries of doctoral theses under the section “Made In Belgium”: “Desmopressin resistant monosymptomatic nocturnal enuresis: new pathophysiological and pharmacological insights” is developed by Lien Dossche and “Micturition reeducation on children with cerebral palsy” is presented by Bieke Samijn. The thesis of Els Van de Vijver, “Chronic abdominal pain, fatigue and inflammatory bowel disease in children” is also reported.

Our paediatric Cochrane Corner section gets back to a controversial subject that was already discussed in previous issues: “Is the use of probiotics in the treatment of acute infectious diarrhoea no longer supported by the evidence ? “

We finish with the beginning... As Belgian journal, we are also proud to have a cover illustrated by comics and we hope that you will appreciate the cartoon of this summer, drawn in exclusivity for us by Serge Ernst.

With this entertaining image and on behalf of the editorial board, we wish you a fruitful reading and pleasant summer holidays.

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