

## **Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony...**

We are delighted to end 2023 with the winter issue of our Belgian Journal of Paediatrics. This time, it focuses on allergies in children. Allergology is at the crossroads of many paediatric sub-specialties, and it has undergone significant development in our country. We will let the guest editors (Kamal El Abd and Marc Raes) introduce the various subjects that are covered. Once again, we want to thank all the authors who have contributed to this extremely rewarding issue.

In this last issue of the year, we also want to highlight our 'behind the scenes' contributors: all the colleagues who have reviewed a manuscript submitted this year to our journal. These people are essential to higher the quality and scientific relevance of the Belgian Journal of Paediatrics. Through their comments and suggestions, they play an important role in the training of younger pediatricians. It is a real challenge for the editorial team to find qualified persons who are willing to review manuscripts quickly. These people did it, and we would like to sincerely thank them!

The holiday season is also a time for looking back, taking stock of the past and wishing well for the future. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Belgian Paediatric Society in 2024, we are preparing a special section that will allow us to revisit the past in the light of the present and maybe of the future. We will come back to this in our spring issue.

On behalf of all the members of the BJP editorial committee, we would also like to wish you a happy and peaceful 2024. Our world has been shaken by many crises. War has reappeared or intensified in many parts of the globe, human rights are still being violated in many societies and the repercussions of climate change are beginning to be felt in every corner of the planet. On several occasions, we have had the impression that mankind is missing opportunities to change course, to find a right balance between individual freedoms and living together. For this new year, we would like to offer you this invitation to happiness described by Mahatma Gandhi: *"happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony"*. Through the small and big events of your professional, family and personal lives, we wish you happiness and harmony.

**Happy New Year to each of you !**

**Christophe Chantrain and Marc Raes**

**We would like to express our appreciation to our colleagues who voluntarily reviewed the articles that were published in 2023. It requires a lot of time and dedication.**

**We are grateful for the valuable suggestions and constructive comments, essential for the high quality and scientific relevance of the Belgian Journal of Paediatrics.**

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*Thank you !*