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The second issue of JPNIM comes with a surprise. JPNIM has become the official journal of the Union of European Neonatal Perinatal Societies (UENPS), formed by the societies of neonatal and perinatal studies in twenty-eight European countries.

This is a important result for a journal created only a few months ago which in such a short time has reached a truly unimaginable goal.

I wish to take this occasion to express my thanks, first to the Assembly of the UENPS, the entire Executive Council and Chairman Prof. Giuseppe Buonocore who in Oporto in November 2012 decided unanimously to cooperate with our journal, and second to all members of the Board of JPNIM who cooperated enthusiastically in founding the journal and who are working seriously and quickly on the creation of a “common house” in Europe, one that is permeably interactive with the international scientific community.

JPNIM focuses on interpreting the profound changes in the world of scientific research brought about by the possibility of acquiring enormous amounts of data (“big data”) and the disposition to photograph the diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive organization of health programmes in Europe.

It is not only the journal of what should be done, but of what is actually done in Europe to share, improve and harmonize knowledge in the different countries.

Its international dimension is proven by the numerous contributions in this issue coming from Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Sweden and Turkey. Its holistic vocation is tangible and recognizable in the passage from research to work in the field, with special

emphasis on the Medical Humanities. The inclusion of the “Interview” column creates a strong bond between masters of consolidated reputation and brilliant young researchers to help make the passage from generation to generation effective and fruitful. The young are the future of any society, nation and organization, and we must count on them at all times, especially in quite difficult periods for humanity as is the present.

The crisis can be considered an extraordinary opportunity for growth, as Albert Einstein thought. It is important to let young people “get the scent” of research; otherwise some of them may never find their true vocation.

Research, development, organization: three key words.

Research is a continuing propulsive force to improve on the present, but it is also a job opportunity for many young people and for development in many countries.

A good organization means to influence concretely and correctly the history of health, both

of populations and single persons, recognizing and respecting their individuality.

In the case of Pediatrics and Neonatology, our hope is that these pages of JPNIM will also represent a operational instrument and provide an exchange of useful and profitable cultural lymph to improve the psychophysical health of our children.

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