Welcome to AICE and sincere wishes for peace for the new year 2024

We are at the end of a second, successful year of activity of BTVB, the official journal of the Italian Society of Haemostasis and Thrombosis (SISET).

Following a recent full agreement between the Board of Directors of SISET and of the Associazione Italiana Centri Emofilia (AICE), it is my great pleasure to announce that, starting January 1, 2024, AICE will be an Affiliated Scientific Society to BTVB, as it will be reported on the front page of the journal.

The AICE President will be part *ex officio* of the BTVB Editorial Board, and three hemophilia experts will be included among the appointed members of the larger Board.

I'm personally very happy with this new joint adventure and am sure that BTVB will be enriched by many original contributions from the Colleagues affiliated with AICE.

I wish to thank all six Section Editors and their associate Junior Editors for the high-quality work performed on all the manuscripts received during this year, that keeps the quality of our Journal at a constant high level. Thanks are also due to the reviewers who generously dedicated their time to read, criticize, improve our manuscripts' content.

The continuous and friendly support by Valerio De Stefano and Paolo Gresele, President and Past President of SISET, respectively, has been of invaluable help to me throughout the year.

Chiara Cerletti, as Assistant Editor-in-Chief, and Emanuela Fusinato, as Head of Journals Division at PAGEPress Publications, also made this BTVB second year possible, to transform the dream of publishing a new scientific Journal into a precious, beautiful reality.

Despite the persisting dramatic international war situation, I'm confident that peace will finally prevail, as the ultimate goal of science is certainly to acquire and improve knowledge, progress, health, but also and, possibly, essentially, happiness and peace among humans.

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