

At the age of three

At the age of three, a little boy is able to undress and is starting to dress independently, can eat using a spoon and fork, knows how to hold a pencil correctly, and enjoys drawing vertical, horizontal, and curved lines with pencils and colored crayons.

BTVB is turning three years old and is still in its infancy, but its characteristics, preferences, minor limitations, ability to grow, and potential to fully integrate into the international scientific community are already clearly emerging.

BTVB has completed its third year of publication, with three regular issues, the last one including the abstracts of the 28th Siset National Congress, held in Rome, 6-9 November 2024 and a supplement of the Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Thrombosis and Hemostasis Issues In Cancer, held in Bergamo Italy, May 17-19, 2024.

Over the last three years, the most represented types of papers have been original articles, editorials, and reviews; other types of publications have also been represented, as brief reports, case reports, commentaries, letters. The topic distribution (thrombosis, hemorrhagic disease, therapy, *etc.*) of the journal has been rather homogenous, with a somewhat lower representation of vascular biology manuscripts.

In the pre-publication Editorial (October 2021, www.siset.org/btvb001.html) we invited “*scientists working all around with platelets, fibrinogen, fibrinolysis or micro-circulation to open their horizons towards a larger and multidisciplinary perspective, looking for mechanisms common to apparently different phenotypes. BTVB intends to host papers that build bridges, instead of erecting walls (physiological, methodological or clinical) ... going in a transversal way, from genetic to nutrition, from inflammation to environment, from artificial intelligence to big data, going through gender differences, socio-economic disparities, lifestyles...*”. This multidisciplinary approach has been satisfactorily realized, by publications involving cardiologists, neurologists, obstetricians, oncologists, hematologists, pharmacologists, epidemiologists, internal medicine and infectious disease specialists, and eminent scientists from international institutions.

In BTVB emerging issues have also found place, such as air pollution, artificial intelligence, gender and precision medicine, microRNA, as well as the emergency status of Ukraine scientists and of Palestinian hemophilic patients. Finally, BTVB was invited and accepted to adhere to a joint international initiative of several major journals (such as Nature, BMJ, Lancet and NEJM) to simultaneously publish a document on “The role of health professionals in reducing the risk of nuclear war”.

Last September, PAGEPress, the publisher of BTVB, applied for registration of the Journal on PubMed, which, when hopefully accepted, will increase the visibility and the scientific appeal of the Journal.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Section Editors, their Deputy Section Editors and the components of our Editorial Board, for their invaluable collaboration to the increasing success of our Journal. We express them, the Members of the Italian Society on Hemostasis and Thrombosis and all our readers our best and warmest wishes for a Christmas and a New Year of peace.

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