

Well begun is half done

In these days preceding Christmas festivities and introducing us to the new year, we close the volume of the first year of our journal **Bleeding, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (BTVB)**. We published three regular issues, plus the Book of Abstracts of the XXVIII Congress of the Italian Society for the Study of Haemostasis and Thrombosis, which was held in Perugia last November.

For all of us, who have participated in this new adventure, it has been a challenging and rewarding year.

The launch of BTVB, which might have seemed like a superfluous match in the broad international focus of the current literature, has instead received a considerable response, not only in Italy, but also abroad. The published articles, reviews and editorials have covered, with new data and views, many traditional topics, but have also proposed new or multidisciplinary issues, weakly considered so far.

It is certainly a success, taking into consideration, above all, that BTVB – like all new journals – does not have an Impact Factor yet, nor is it indexed by PubMed or other indexes/databases, an achievement that will certainly happen, within the timescales envisaged by current international procedures. On the other hand, the journal has already received the International Standard Serial Number for electronic periodicals (eISSN: 2785-5309) and each article is identified by a unique Digital Object Identifier (DOI) as soon as it is published.

I would like to sincerely and heartily thank Chiara Cerletti and Emanuela Fusinato, without whom this journal would not have made the brilliant journey of this first and difficult year. An affectionate thanks also to Paolo Gresele and Michele Moscato who have always followed us with attention and concern, responding to our requests for help.

I also thank the Section Editors who, well assisted by the Junior Section Editors, worked with great commitment, guaranteeing a high scientific level to the journal. Many thanks also to the members of the Editorial Board, who ensured the highly qualified international atmosphere of this journal.

I wish all collaborators, BTVB readers and Siset members a meaningful Christmas and a New Year truly new. We all need it.

Without forgetting that reason is the natural organ of knowledge, but imagination is the organ of meaning.

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