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Dear Romanian Neurosurgery Reader,

For starters I would like to announce that Romanian Neurosurgery is classified by National Council for Scientific Research in Higher Education (CNCSIS), in the C category and the CNCSIS accreditation automatically ensure acceptance by the Romanian College of Physicians of our journal. The articles published in our medical journal will receive 25 credits per each article according to criteria and rules for credit forms of continuing medical education of Romanian College of Physicians.

The previous issue of our journal started the presentation of neurosurgical personalities who contributed to the development of Romanian neurosurgery. This issue begins with a paper of Ciurea and Palade who present the Professor Thoma Ionescu and his numerous contributions in the field of surgical arts and his significant contributions to neurosurgery: the surgery of cervical sympathetic chain, his personal approach for decompressive hemicraniectomies; also he was the promotor of spinal anesthesia with his famous cervical and thoracic spinal puncture for spinal anesthesia. The journal continues with a historical overview about the development of military neurosurgery and of the personality of General MD PhD Iacob Gr. Mircea and his contributions as pioneer of military Romanian neurosurgery .

In this issue, a very comprehensive review by the team of Professor Zhengsong Huang from Sun Yat-sen University, China on Neuroform stent-assisted coil embolization presents this procedure and their experience to treat 39 cerebral aneurysms. The Neuroform Microdelivery Stent System is designed to prevent the rupture of an intracranial aneurysm. This system is for use with embolic coils for the treatment of wide neck intracranial aneurysms that cannot be treated by surgical clipping. Adam, Pevzner and Gepstein's review on the nucleoplasty presents this treatment of discogenic leg pain using bipolar radiofrequency device for vaporising a volume of nucleus pulposus.

Other interesting topics here are: the second part of the endoscopic endonasal transsphenoidal approach for sellar and parasellar lesions by Tataranu, Gorgan et al.; a presentation of embolic materials for cerebral endovascular therapy by Chiriac, Poata et al.; an analysis of the results of neuronavigation-guided percutaneous radiofrequency thermocoagulation in the treatment of trigeminal neuralgia by Ivanov et al.; and a therapeutical - imagistic correlation regarding intracerebellar hematomas by Albert et al.

There are several very interesting case reports: a giant hyperostosis secondary to neglected Pott's puffy tumour and its surgical repair (Florian et al.), a non-traumatic spontaneous rhinorrhea generated by a giant atypical meningioma of left posterior fossa (Iacob et al.), the radiographic features of a posttraumatic occlusion of the vertebral artery (Tudorache, Haba et al.), surgical management for a giant extracranial liposarcoma (Pruna, Gorgan et al.) and a presentation of two cases of bone marrow tissue implant into cervical spinal cord injury.

We are convinced you will find all of them interesting and we hope you enjoy this issue of Romanian Neurosurgery, and welcome your continued help to publish four issues this year.