

A word from the editor

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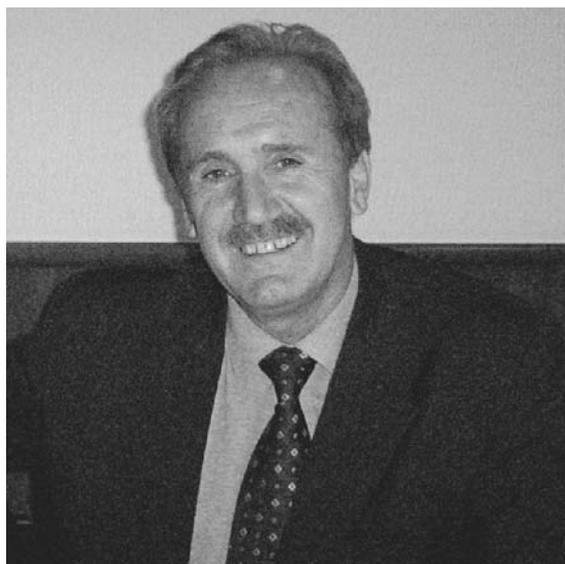
we are witnessing a global crisis caused by the coronary virus pandemic which will definitely mark our era. Despite the state of emergency and difficult working conditions, I am especially pleased with the uninterrupted continuity of publishing the "Sanamed" journal and for that I thank the whole team from the closest associates, through the scientific committee, reviewers to the authors thanks to whom we can rightly say that "Sanamed" maintained an enviable level in the quality of content.

In the focus of the pandemic itself, doctors around the world stood out, along with all other health workers, who fought almost to life and death with unknown disease that spread around the world. They are labeled as superheroes. In that selfless struggle, a huge number of doctors and nurses, isolated from their families, dedicated themselves completely to the patients with the belief that they would be able to help in the fight to preserve their health. Unfortunately, in that fight, despite all the protection and precautionary measures, a significant number of doctors, experts, nurses and all of those who have worked in many health institutions, lost their lives. On this occasion, on behalf of the editorial board and on my own behalf, I would like to express my respect to all of them and express my deep condolences and gratitude to their families and the society in which they worked and for which they laid down their lives. They are justifiably highlighted as superheroes, because only superheroes are not afraid to die in order to save someone else's life.

The pandemic of this virus has at least so far remained an insufficiently cleared phenomenon, leaving behind a tragic trace for all those who failed to resist it and those who did not take seriously all those who tried to draw their attention to its seriousness with their advices and warnings. Many people from the field of medical profession and science have appeared on the world stage. While some said that it was a common seasonal infection, others pointed out that it was a lesser-known virus that differed from the previous ones from that group and that it was additionally more dangerous for human health. There were also those who were confused and refrained from entering into direct assessments and analyzes, because science, especially now, is facing a challenge and is waiting for a definitive conclusion. In any case, we are witnessing that this pandemic has drawn the world's attention to the fact that technology, no matter how developed in terms of conquest and resistance to technological invaders, sowing fear among many and thus showing its power and strength, can suddenly be dumbfounded in front of an invisible, extremely tiny living particle that has paralyzed life on earth. This says a lot about how weak and powerless a man really is.

Medicine is on the test now. Regardless of all those who were the most responsible in their countries and who did their best, with all my respect to them, I must say that doctors and medical staff were the only bright spot on which everyone's eyes were focused.

I hope this pandemic is also a warning to all those who measure their wealth and power with money and material things, who I believe



have realized that all this means nothing if society is not educated and knowledgeable and ready to use it to save lives. This is therefore a lesson and a message that from this great paper bush we call money, funds for science will be strengthened and scientists will be supported in trying to do everything in their power to find ways to suppress possible epidemics of similar proportions. Planes and tanks can wait. My faith has always been focused on medicine, perhaps mostly because I believed in what I did as a doctor for people and because of that I want to support all the great medical professionals to develop their knowledge, exchange it through writing, publishing through all kinds of media and for the benefit of the world's population.

Dear friends, I know that everything I have written in these few lines is already known, but for me who was also under the impact of this pandemic and regrettably followed our and the world's weaknesses, both in organizational and personnel terms, and especially the scientific one, the goal was to emphasize that only good intelligence and knowledge give the best answer. It is acquired through reading, writing, education. If I have to quote, I would now choose other people's thoughts that say "Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, only a fool knows everything." We should beware of this third one and fight for all those who want to create and develop themselves in order to preserve the health of their society.

Thanks again to all the medical workers for everything they have done to fight the current pandemic and save the human lives.

Glory to those who have died in that fight.

**With respect,
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editor in chief**