



Editorial

Role of *International Surgery* in the Global Scientific and Medical Publishing Industry

As Editor-in-Chief of *International Surgery*, I take this opportunity to address the role of *International Surgery*, the official Journal of the International College of Surgeons, in the global scientific and medical publishing industry. *International Surgery* has been published for eighty-four years, beginning in 1938. Over 200 surgical journals are now published on a worldwide basis, and the competition is intense. In this worldwide environment, it is therefore crucial to identify and communicate to the global community of scientific and medical researchers our vision for *International Surgery*, where we fit, and the strategy to fulfill this vision.

The vision of *International Surgery* is to publish and disseminate important new knowledge gained from scientific and medical research. The strategy is to ethically function in accord with the highest peer review and publishing standards, and thereby attract high quality manuscripts. Our strategy is not to maximize revenues over expenses. It is all too easy to waiver from ethical high quality publishing

standards, given the intense competitive pressures. We will aim high, be realistic, and do our very best to serve authors working in the global scientific and medical research areas. We have no intention to compete with large publishing houses. We do have every intention to be the very best that we can be, and in so doing, serve our authors well.

We ask that you consider publishing your manuscripts in *International Surgery*. To send your manuscripts to *International Surgery*, please go to www.internationalsurgery.org. Should you have any questions, please contact the Managing Director, *International Surgery*, at max@icsglobal.org.

I welcome any questions or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,

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