

President's letter

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Dear colleagues, in this first issue of 2020 I would like to wish you a Happy Year and to say a few words in addition to those also written by Dr Carmen Soto Beauregard, as we are entering a stage of change at the end of this second decade of the 21st century.

The new stage of the journal of *Cirugía Pediátrica* is a consequence of adapting to the new times. It also coincides with the change in the election and working system of the Executive Board (EB) of the Spanish Society of Pediatric Surgery (SECP).

The reasons that promoted this Board, and the previous one, to undertake those changes in the functioning of the Board and the longer duration of positions in it, have been as follows.

First, to consolidate the work initiated by an outgoing board of EB members. For which it took a sufficient period of time to mature projects and achieve their achievement. Very good projects have remained unfinished for this reason indeed.

Secondly, to start projects of the new Board and carry them out successfully. In this sense, the current Board is immersed in some very interesting issues such as promoting online training courses, led and endorsed by the SECP itself. Projects to be launched in 2020.

Continuity in these and other matters also depends on the degree of commitment of all the members of the Board. A management team chosen for a 4-year period with a specific work program will allow a high success rate.

I want to thank you, my colleagues, for your contribution to the Society and especially the board members, evaluators and area coordinators. Their dedication and support is indispensable for the proper functioning of the Society. I also want to thank the local organizers of the Vigo Congress for producing a high-level Congress in a tremendously friendly environment and for contributing with their effort to improve the funding of the Society.

I do not want to finish without recognizing the work done by the Technical Secretariat of Arán, acknowledging its great potential in helping to project our Society beyond our field of work.

The Board is convinced that the future of our Society will move us more on social media, defend the rights of its partners, and offer high-quality training in an increasingly globalized world committed to climate change and equality among people.