

## Editorial

*The editors and staff of Pelviperineology would like to wish all our readers around the world a happy New Year and holiday season. Our readers are located in every part of the globe and include all ethnic and religious groups. Please accept our best wishes for whatever festival or celebration is appropriate. We are hoping that 2009 will be another successful year for our journal and associated societies.*

*This issue of Pelviperineology is the first published since our Congress in Padua and Venice which proved to be both a Scientific and Social success. AAVIS is raising the profile of multidisciplinary pelvic medicine as we seek out and welcome various opinions and views at our meetings. This policy is also represented by the papers accepted for publication in this journal.*

*In Venice and Padua a number of strong opinions were evident covering all the major controversies in pelvic medicine. In particular, the Venice meeting saw the publication of a major work by Petros, Swash et al which was printed in full and made up a complete issue of the journal. The magnitude of this work and the concepts that are presented are impressive at several levels but the conclusions are sure to be controversial. The current edition includes a detailed commentary on this work and the editors welcome any further opinions that might be forthcoming.*

*All around the world interest in pelvic medicine and surgery is increasing. This is especially so in the “other” specialties with more involvement by urologists and colorectal surgeons. Urogynecology is increasingly becoming “uro-colo-gynecology”. This is quite a mouthful to pronounce but not quite as bad as “Pelviperineology”.*

*Next year will see another International Pelviperineology Congress with the involvement of both the International Collaboration of the Pelvic Floor and the International Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Society. The 2009 meeting will be held at Noosa on the Sunshine Coast of Queensland, Australia, and in July we will welcome you this beautiful natural wonderland a few hours north of Brisbane. This meeting will involve the largest international faculty ever assembled for an Australian Pelvic Floor Meeting.*

*In the New Year we will be announcing an expansion of the Pelviperineology editorial advisory board. The main criterion to be involved in this journal is enthusiasm. We aim to providing a multidisciplinary journal with a special commitment to provide interesting articles from opinion leaders as well as documenting the experience of practicing clinicians. We seek the involvement of interested practitioners and submission of papers for publication is your opportunity to show your interest.*

*As always we are looking for quality papers to promote multidisciplinary medicine and report our experiences.*

THE EDITORS