

## Editorial

Welcome to the second issue of the Panamerican Journal of Trauma, Critical Care and Emergency Surgery. One of the stated missions of our society is to energize our youth in getting interested, show initiative and rise up to their promise in our specialty. In this issue, the Panamerican Society (SPT) is proud to present a collection of papers, mostly the work of young medical students, residents and younger members of the society. These were oral or postal presentations given at the 24th Annual Congress of the Society, in Asuncion, Paraguay in November 2011. They were then expanded into manuscripts. Let us congratulate our younger colleagues on their remarkable accomplishment of beginning scientific investigation. Let us encourage them to continue their research and report on their experience. We, as a society, should make the commitment to help them get better in investigating, reporting and publishing. This will help us all in our quest for advancement.

The exactitude of producing a bilingual journal, albeit a labor of love, is challenging and requires the talent of multiple professionals. The editors would like to acknowledge, in addition to this group of young investigators, the contributions of many of our youth (again!): Victoria Lina Matta, MD, Fellow of International Trauma Systems Development, Division of Trauma, VCU; Ms Carolina Talini, Medical Student, Curitiba, Brazil and Ms Gladys Soruco Shanklin, MHRM, Administrative Coordinator of SPT.

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