Dear Hernia Friends,

I am pleased to announce that, starting from January 2019, HERNIA will have a new Editorial Board with five Associate Editors and approximately 40 Section Editors and a broad International Advisory Board that you will soon see published online in the Editorial Board page of the Journal. With the cooperation of these outstanding colleagues, the journal will continue to offer rigorous peer-review and nothing will change in the way manuscripts are handled.

I am very proud and excited to serve as Editor-in-Chief and to take over this responsibility from my predecessors Marc Miserez, Robert Fitzgibbons and their Associates and those who represented the milestones of hernia surgery: Jean Paul Chevrel, Charles J. Filipi, Andrew Kingsnorth, Robert Bendavid, Volker Schumpelick.

I’m also happy that the American Hernia Society, the European Hernia Society and the Asia-Pacific Hernia Society confirmed their affiliation to the journal, three societies with whom I had a long lasting cooperation as EHS Secretary General for more than 14 years and then EHS President. The first world conference held three years ago and endorsing all the hernia societies was the result of this close cooperation.

My vision for the Journal is to create a “working platform”, a forum where worldwide surgeons can start a discussion, send suggestions, propose new techniques and new ideas on any cutting edge topic in the field of hernia surgery.

We will invite well-known experts to submit systematic reviews on the more debated aspects of hernia surgery, but we will also encourage all the Hernia friends to submit their research to the journal for our thorough evaluation.

Another important objective that we plan to reach is to reduce the turnaround times from submission to first decision. I will work closely with the editorial office, the Section Editors and the Reviewers to enable this.

My focus will also be to maintain and further improve the quality of the published articles.

This can only be done if you act as a protagonist and support Hernia by sending your papers. Rigorous scientific approach, perfect technical and technological preparation and empathy with the patient will be our guide in the years to come.

I look forward to your comments, suggestion, and above all, your contribution in the Journal.

Sincerely,
Giampiero Campanelli
Editor-in-Chief