

Editorial

The Vision for the Journal

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Prof. Giuseppe Santarpino, incoming Editor-in-Chief of the Heart Surgery Forum, shares his vision, and directions for the Journal.

I am honored to announce that I have been nominated as the Editor-in-Chief of the Heart Surgery Forum. In 1997, The Heart Surgery Forum (HSF) was inaugurated by Mark M. Levinson, MD, as a multimedia scientific publication, which communicated over the new “Information Highway” known as the Web. The HSF began as a “labor of love” for heart surgeons as a dynamic tool for the betterment of themselves and their patients. Included in the original HSF website was a novel means to present interesting cases using color photos, movies, text and graphics, which was groundbreaking at that time.

Today, the HSF continues as one of the leading cardiothoracic resources in more than 182 countries. Published first online and then in print, the HSF publishes up to now original scientific reports, collective reviews, case reports, editorials, and letters to the editor on the latest advances and studies in cardiac care. Over the past 17 years, HSF has featured a diverse range of content, including cardiovascular surgery, thoracic surgery and its related imaging, anesthesiology, radiology, pharmacology, and nursing, as well as surgical and interventional treatments related to cardiology. Now open access and free to the world for the first time, the HSF provides the most up-to-date research and clinical information to the largest global community of heart specialists. For authors, we provide more readers, more citations, and more recognition of your work. For readers, we offer the latest state-of-the-art techniques and clinical research in half of the time of most print journals.

The journal aims is and will be to promote collaboration among cardiac surgeons and multidisciplinary teams and to create a web-based forum to encourage communication and improvement in the practice of cardiac surgery worldwide.

The journal will be updated its graphic design to feature a modern look, and, to better serve both authors and readers, we will strongly encourage the inclusion of the graphical abstracts. Additionally, a resident corner, interview with the Maestro, and an “Hot Topic” Forum following the name of the Journal will be added.

My first target is to enhance the quality of the journal and the increase of its impact. At the end, HSF will

be a platform for the “news” in the whole cardiovascular-surgery. Today there is no sense to speak about Heart Surgery without minimally invasive, hybrid and interventional procedures. In other words, “Heart Surgery Forum—HSF” will be “**Heart Surgery Team Forum**”. Moreover, we strong emphasize the dissemination of our researches through social media platforms.

