

From the Editor in Chief

Back in 1996, as a newly appointed Associate Professor of Surgery, I decided to start a scientific journal of Fundeni Hospital, the place where I worked, inspired by the long and uninterrupted tradition in research at this largest and arguably the best medical health care institution in Romania. The name of the Journal was Annals of Fundeni Hospital.

In this difficult endeavor, I took as Associate Editor an enthusiastic and very promising young gastroenterologist, still vascillating between clinical work and basic research.

His name was George Calin.

The passion for genetics finally prevailed, and George became a world famous expert in this field, currently heading an important laboratory at the MD Anderson Institute in Houston (Texas).

Eventually, Annals of Fundeni Hospital, morphed a couple of years ago into, the Journal of Translational Medicine and Research, a journal of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences and of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (IASGO).

Starting with the current issue, George Calin is back, this time as a Founding Editor of the new (and at the same time old!) journal and as a distinguished author as well.

Welcome back, George, and let' us work together, as before, in promoting medical science through JTMR!

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