



Dear Readers,

This *Videosurgery and other miniinvasive techniques* supplement is issued on the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association of Polish Surgeons and the 64<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Association of Polish Surgeons in Wrocław. It contains recommendations of experts worked out at the 5<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference *Advanced laparoscopic procedures* in four thematic groups. The conference was organized by Dr Maciej Michalik in Rzucewo at Puck Bay on 7-8 May 2009. Participants of the conference hope that indications given in this supplement will add to further progress in surgery and make clinical decision making easier for the reader. I want to thank the President of the Association of Polish Surgeons, Prof. Wojciech Witkiewicz, for giving us an opportunity to distribute this material to all participants of the 64<sup>th</sup> Congress of the APS.

We cordially invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the workshop *Basis of laparoscopy* for residents as part of their obligatory specialization courses and for surgeons. It will take place as usual in Słok near Betchatów on 5-6 December 2009. This year we will also start to organize at the same time the first edition of a workshop for nurses who will have an opportunity to obtain the required qualification points for recruitment for medical university studies (see agenda of both workshops in this issue). I invite readers to membership and participation in all activities of the Polish Videosurgery Society, details of which can be found on our web page [www.wideochirurgia.pl](http://www.wideochirurgia.pl).

*Videosurgery and other miniinvasive techniques* quarterly is issued in English and in electronic version both in English and Polish on the webpage: [www.videosurgeryjournal.com](http://www.videosurgeryjournal.com). In 2009 the journal was given an initial 10-point rating by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, now corrected for unknown reasons to 6 points (*Dis aliter visum* – The gods decided differently. Vergil, Aeneid, 2, 428). The quarterly is indexed in Index Citation Expanded, which decides on the IF rating. So, I invite you to submit papers to our journal and cite articles from *Videosurgery and other miniinvasive techniques*. Thanks to mutual cooperation we have an opportunity to place there numerous interesting papers and exchange experience not only in the field of surgery, but also other branches of medicine. Together, we can increase the rank of the journal through our own scientific output.

With kindest regards,  
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