

A Message From The Director

Dear Colleagues,

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to the ninth edition of the Trinity Student Medical Journal. The TSMJ is written, edited and produced solely by medical students of Trinity College, Dublin.

The TSMJ was initially established to provide medical students with a vehicle to have their research and clinical experiences published. This was quickly expanded upon to offer the same opportunity to all students in the Faculty of Health Science and other biomedical fields. This decision has clearly added to the journal's success and is unmistakably reflected in the broad base of this year's submissions.

We are reliant on students to make this journal a success, whether submitting an article or working tirelessly as part of our committee. Firstly, I would like to thank all the students that put forward an article for publication, whether they were successful or not. We acknowledge the valuable time and effort you have spent writing and researching these pieces. With such a large volume of submitted articles it is, unfortunately, impossible to print them all but I encourage those that did not succeed to try again next year.

I would also like to express my gratitude to those that volunteered to work as part of our committee. It would be impossible to produce such a high quality journal without the staggering amount of time and effort they have sacrificed. As the TSMJ committee changes and develops, new faces appear and old ones move away. I would like to thank last year's committee, especially Michael Ednie, Jared Butler and Padraig Casey for making this transition as smooth as possible. I would also like to thank the extremely patient people at D.U. Publications for their help.

Previous directors of the TSMJ have highlighted how important sponsorship is for the survival of our journal. This year will be no different. I wish to thank all the patrons of the TSMJ, both old and new for their contributions. I would also like to thank our corporate sponsors for investing in this valuable resource.

As we move towards our tenth edition, our thoughts turn to the future. With this in mind, our marketing team have established links with libraries used by students in Ireland in the aforementioned fields to distribute copies of this year's journal. Building on this, we hope to have a stronger submission rate from outside Trinity College next year.

Best wishes,

David Foley

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