EDITORS' NOTE

Changing a journal's general layout and its editorial structure is always a major event, especially if it comes after twenty-two years of publication. It is generally also a positive event, as it means that the journal is changing not only stylistically but also from the viewpoint of the communication of scientific knowledge.

The Editors have decided that the time has come to take this decision on the basis of certain considerations: Annals has been steadily and increasingly highly appreciated at the international level; it has developed from being an organ for the dissemination of science reserved to authors from the Mediterranean area into one that receives requests to publish papers from an ever wider range of countries; and it is now included on the list of PubMed scientific periodicals, i.e., one of the most important international bibliographical data bases.

The new Annals presents itself with a new cover which preserves the background colours of the first issue but is more modern in its overall look. The journal has new editorial support, consisting of a renovated Editorial Board and an International Editorial Advisory Board (IEAB). This will entail new procedures for the publication of articles received, consisting of a preliminary editorial selection process and a peer review by IEAB.

The General Assembly also approved the new denomination of the MBC and consequently Annals becomes the Journal of the Euro-Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters.

We wish you good reading.