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With the organization of the upcoming combined events of the 27th European Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the 15th Congress of the Hellenic Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Greece has succeeded to overcome barriers posed by the recent outbreak of COVID-19 that has detrimentally changed our daily practice including scientific activities. During the last year significant changes were made in the Hellenic Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and an international call for papers has been sent to renowned scientists in the field of our specialty. With the hope that within the next few months we will be able to publish an increasing number of original research articles, I would like to welcome the readership of our journal to help us create a stronger profile that will allow HJOG to

become accepted in international databases.

In the present issue Partsinevelos et al discuss the potential adverse effect of the expression of von Willebrand factor in the follicular fluid of women undergoing IVF/ICSI in the quality of oocytes and embryos. While research has been already conducted in this field, previous researchers failed to detect vWF in human oocytes/embryos and the findings of this study may help establish robust algorithms of prediction of IVF outcomes.

Two more studies from Harokopio University and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, denote the importance of overweight status as well as training and exercise in the antenatal pregnancy course and deserve reading as their findings are directly applicable to clinical practice.

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