

From the Editor-in-Chief

One year ago the Italian Society of Osteoporosis, Mineral Metabolism and Skeletal Diseases (SIOMMMS) announced the birth of its Journal. To date we triumphed over the first growing season.

The manuscripts published in the first issues of the Journal focused on major areas of mineral and bone metabolism: Primary Hypercalciuria, Primary Hypoparathyroidism and Paget's Disease of Bone. We brought together unique collections of special features written by authorities in the respective field. We are particularly pleased to have been able to include original Case Reports, the main goal of the Journal. The feed-backs we have received encourage a continuing effort in the planned direction.

In this issue of *Clinical Cases in Mineral and Bone Metabolism*, we have brought together a miscellaneous collection of original Case Reports on hyperparathyroidism and hypercalciuria. In addition, this number presents articles that explore bone metabolism in thalassemia and chronic liver disease and the role of the vitamin D receptor gene in secondary hyperparathyroidism.

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We hope this comprehensive and lively package will give you food for thought, and help you make up your own opinion on these important presented issues.

We'd also like to bring your attention to the *CCMBM* Journal Article Contest 2005, developed to honour the first author of an original scientific work published during this year. We are confident this service will enhance the Journal's overall appeal!

At *CCMBM*, we're always trying to enhance your interest in the management of mineral and skeletal metabolic disorders. I hope this issue fills the bill.

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