Preface

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Surgical Technology International is pleased to announce the launch of a new section dedicated to the specialty of Colon & Rectal Surgery. Surgical techniques and perioperative management have advanced rapidly and become more specialized. For instance, the advent of robotic surgery is representative of the progress of this breakthrough, which has gained widespread popularity over the last decade albeit with some concerns. Moreover, translational research has become a critical component of clinical research across several medical fields. Although randomized control trials and meta-analyses have provided level-one evidence, I believe there is still a role for well conducted retrospective studies on rare diseases, unanticipated complications, and adverse events. Furthermore, surgeons also like to report on innovative ideas to improve procedures in their specialty; this new section wished to be the home for such reports as long as they comply with current standards such as IDEAL-D to mention one.

The new section aims to cover the best quality research outcomes in the fields of Colon & Rectal Surgery and its related disciplines such as pelvic diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases, and colorectal cancer. The new section will strive to prove it self to be an outstanding source of information to colorectal surgeons across the globe and become a platform to share their research. The scope of the new colorectal surgery section will also cover other surgical specialities such as uro-gynecology and urology; a fact that will facilitate sharing of knowledge and transferring important ideas on advancement of research, latest innovative clinical practices and education across all these interdisciplinary specialities.

Finally, I would like to introduce and welcome the new chief editor of the colorectal surgery section: Roberto Bergamaschi, from New York Medical College. Roberto is well known to those of us active in colorectal surgery as he has authored many iconic papers and has served in a leadership role for most colorectal surgery journals. For me, Roberto has been a close collaborator and a valued friend for a number of years. I have no doubt that, under Roberto’s conscientious leadership, Surgical Technology International will flourish, and I wish him the best.