From Transition to Transformation: Towards a Stronger and More Sustainable African Journal of Paediatric Surgery

The Editorial Board of the *African Journal of Paediatric Surgery* (AJPS) is delighted to announce the successful completion of the journal's transition to a new publishing platform. This milestone marks an important transformation that provides a stronger foundation for sustainable, timely, and high-quality scholarly publishing.

As we commence publication of Volume 22, we are pleased to inform our authors, reviewers, readers, and the wider scientific community that all outstanding issues of the journal will now be published sequentially on our new website until our publication schedule is fully restored.

We sincerely apologize for the prolonged delay occasioned by this processs. The move to a new publishing platform became necessary following changes in the financial and operational framework of our previous publishing arrangement. Establishing the new platform required extensive technical, administrative, and editorial work to ensure the secure transfer of journal content, preservation of publication records, continuity of indexing, and the development of a more robust and sustainable publishing infrastructure. While these essential processes took longer than anticipated, they were undertaken to safeguard the long-term integrity and future of the journal.

We express our heartfelt appreciation to our authors, reviewers, readers, and the paediatric surgical community for their remarkable patience, understanding, and unwavering support throughout this period. Your confidence in AJPS has been invaluable and continues to inspire our commitment to excellence.

During this period, we have strengthened our editorial and production workflows to enhance efficiency without compromising scientific rigour. Our Editorial Board remains intact, experienced, and fully committed to delivering a thorough, fair, and timely peer-review process, ensuring that future submissions are handled with the highest standards of editorial quality and publication ethics. AJPS is now firmly positioned for regular, reliable, and sustained publication.

We are equally pleased to reassure our contributors that AJPS has retained its indexing in major international bibliographic databases, including MEDLINE, thereby preserving the visibility and impact of the research we publish. We are actively pursuing inclusion in additional reputable indexing and abstracting services to further strengthen the journal's global reach and scientific influence.

This is more than the completion of a publishing transition, it is the beginning of a renewed era for AJPS. With a strengthened publishing platform, an experienced Editorial Board, and the continued support of our contributors and readers, we are confident that the journal will continue to grow in quality, relevance, and international standing.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I thank our authors, reviewers, readers, and institutional partners for their patience, trust, and steadfast support. We look forward to this new chapter with confidence and renewed purpose as we continue to advance paediatric surgical scholarship in Africa and beyond.

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