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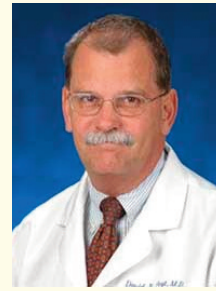
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The publication of the Kosova Journal of Surgery Volume 5, Issue 1 is a celebration of the commitment of Kosovar surgeons to excellence in the care of their patients.

The inaugural issue covers topics in the transformation of surgery in Kosova during a time of uncertainty and emphasizes the important elements of leadership, the process of surgical quality and safety, the need for leadership and faculty development, and how best to utilize organized surgical care for teaching and learning.

Other issues in ethics, mentoring leadership, international collaboration in surgical leadership and education, and the status of biomedical research and publication in Kosova follow. This will be a landmark contribution in watching the development of surgery in Kosova.

The inaugural issue also celebrates the beginning of the Kosova College of Surgeons. The American College of Surgeons congratulates Kosovar surgeons for their dedication to the profession and their organizational commitment to maintaining the highest standards of care for their patients through establishing their college!

I would like to personally compliment Dr. Latifi for his leadership in working with his colleagues to bring the institution of a new college and its voice through a new journal to accomplish these goals. History will judge him as a “founding father” and his contributions are a stimulus to us all for the opportunity to contribute to our profession. We look forward to many years of collaboration with the Kosova College of Surgeons and the Kosova Journal of Surgery.