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With the vast amount of information in the Gutenberg and Gates galaxy one might ask the question concerning any new publication: why?

In the case of the Biomechanica Hungarica the answer is simple: because this kind of journal does not currently exist.

We have a high commitment for succes at this launch of the journal of the Hungarian Society of Biomechanics, just as we had for the Society of Biomechanics when it was founded four years ago at the First Hungarian Biomechanics Conference. In 2004, The Biomechanics Research Facility of the Technical University of Budapest decided to organize a nationwide conference for Hungarian researchers interested in the field of biomechanics. The First Hungarian Biomechanics Conference clearly showed that even in our relatively small country there are numerous people interested in this subject and looking for answers in the areas of biology and mechanics. In 2006 the Second Hungarian Biomechanics Conference was held, although with a smaller attendance, it included well known foreign researchers. It was during this conference that the idea of the publication of a scientific journal was born.

After the formation of the editorial board the first issue has been duly completed. For now we plan to publish two issues per year in electronic and printed form both in Hungarian and English. The journal has an ISSN registration so the articles published can be cited internationally.

Parts of the journal include:

1. The introduction of a biomechanics laboratory/society
2. State of the Art section
3. Articles dealing with further studying (research/medical practice etc.)
4. Original articles
5. The history of biomechanics and special areas/fields of biomechanics
6. Research partner search
7. The introduction of companies dealing with biomechanics
8. News and information about the Hungarian Society of Biomechanics
9. Letter to the editor (from the second issue)
10. Rejected papers section (from the second issue)
11. The publication of PhD or thesis connected to biomechanics (only online)

The administration of the editorial review is done online, the processing of the articles is done through the web, for the benefit of the authors, the referees and the editorial board (www.biomechanica.hu).

As it can be seen we have the commitment enthusiasm and we have ideas and hopefully there will be sufficient and interesting content on the pages of the journal.

On behalf of the editorial board and myself we warmly welcome all readers! We would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions concerning the journal, and most importantly we are waiting for a lot of articles.