



It is a privilege to be given the opportunity to introduce the first issue of Volume 2. A second volume of the Journal necessarily implies some success, as it represents a continuation of academic endeavour associated with racket sports. It is therefore also an opportunity to reflect on the progress of the Journal so far.

The first volume contained papers that covered a range of sports science topics applied to racket sports. This, combined with the high academic standard of these papers is evidence that the Journal is meeting its ultimate goal which is

... to create a platform for collaboration and cooperation among researchers, where sport scientist can come together and join forces to come up with new perspectives from where to keep expanding the knowledge involving all areas within the field of racket sports. (Cabello, M. D., 2019, Editorial)

It has done this by adopting a rigorous editorial and review process. The high standard of submissions has been achieved by a process which involves initial screening, blind review by two or more experts in the field, amendment of the manuscript by the authors as guided by an associate editor, and finally editorial corrections to ensure consistency in production and use of language. The Editorial Board are proud that they are also able to provide guidance and support to papers that have an important message to convey, but lack some aspect of presentation that would hinder their progress through this demanding process.

Of course, the editorial process could not have been developed without the commitment and support of a number of people and grateful thanks are given to all associated with it. From the guiding influence of the Editor in Chief, through the expertise of the Associate Editors, to the responsiveness and professionalism of those asked to review papers. The final publication would not have been possible without the dedication of the publishing team, guided with tremendous energy, enthusiasm and skill by David Gutierrez Parejo at Granada University, Spain.

It would be remiss not to mention that this issue of Volume 2 is published during a global pandemic. The health issues that have resulted are, of course, regretted, but it is the effect of the related 'lockdown' that has, and will, influence the work of scientists in racket sports. The well-developed electronic communications researchers use nowadays and that the Journal is published online, has meant at this stage there has been little interference in progress. However, we know that the inability to hold tournaments and to meet and interact with players and coaches (both a rich source of data), will have some impact on the nature of research that can be conducted presently, and reported subsequently. We do not know how this might unfold but we are confident that researchers' interest for communicating their findings in a high quality forum will continue and so, we are sure, will the Journal.

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