

## **EDITORIAL**

## The War in Europe: An Elsevier Academic Publishing Company Cordially Supports Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and Scientists in Ukraine

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We are deeply saddened and outraged by the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine and the devastating impact of this war on humanity. ... Elsevier would also like to ensure Ukrainian researchers able to continue their work now, or in the near future have continued access to our research articles and books. ... We would like to extend complimentary access to ScienceDirect throughout the duration of this crisis.

—Laura Hassink

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Multiple peer-reviewed journals from the subject categories "Oral Surgery," "Surgery," and "Otorhinolaryngology" are always in the field of view of the Ukrainian oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Many of those journals are published by Elsevier B.V., and for the wartime period this international publishing company gave to surgeons in Ukraine a full access to all its journals (Fig 1). Such opportunity is limitless useful due to the possibility to absorb international data and surgical techniques without subscriptions or payments.

Russian terroristic invasion to Ukraine<sup>3-5</sup> increased a need for Ukrainian oral and maxillofacial surgeons, trauma and plastic surgeons to manage significant number of severe ballistic and explosive trauma cases. Implementation of modern surgical principles<sup>6-8</sup> into wartime practice is crucial for life-saving surgeries. Thus, the scientific support of Elsevier company will definitely contribute to lives` preservation and health of the Europeans.

This beautiful act of humanity and contribution from the Elsevier company to surgery, peace and prosperity on the European continent cannot be underestimated and measured, but will definitely help in a fight for the better future of human kind.

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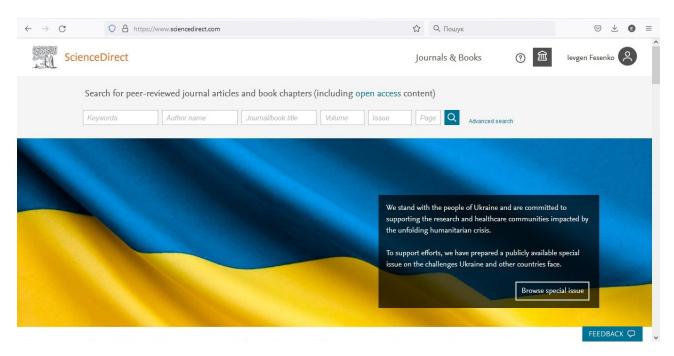
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**FIGURE 1.** The laptop screenshot from the ScienceDirect.com platform as of May 08, 2022.

Ukraine is literally fighting for our future.9
—Jaroslav Nad
Slovakia`s defense minister

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