

Editorial

In my capacity as the new President of SIGASCOT, it is, for me, a great pleasure and an honor to write the last editorial of the year for Joints.

Joints is the official journal of SIGASCOT, and we have put a lot of efforts into giving our members a reliable and interesting open access journal that is able to serve the society in many different ways.

Although a new journal may today seem superfluous, given the extensive range of publications already in existence, I do not believe this to be the case.

Giuseppe Milano, the Editor-in-Chief of Joints, has created a clear organization and addressed some interesting topics in the issues published to date, and we are now awaiting the indexing of our journal. This is an indication of the vitality of Joints and of the level of interest, within the Italian and the international scientific community, in the articles it publishes.

The journal, as I have indicated, should serve the society, giving today's new generation of Italian orthopaedic specialists an opportunity to publish their material and gain experience of the whole publication process. Indeed, I believe that part of the society's mission should be to help the new generation to develop this aspect of our work, which is often forgotten and not given sufficient importance during Italian resident training programs. Many of our members, although well trained and experienced, often experience difficulties getting their work published in international journals, and this frustrating experience can discourage them from trying again.

Joints offers our professionals the chance not only to see their work published, but also to improve their ability to write good scientific papers in English. This, in turn, may make their future work more likely to be accepted in higher-profile journals.

SIGASCOT will therefore continue to endeavor to make Joints an increasingly appealing publication, because it is an important "training ground" and a core part of our training program that, we believe, will ultimately make our society even stronger.

To end, I just wish to underline that it is only by sharing our experience and results with the scientific community that we will be able to improve the outcomes that can be achieved using our techniques and also improve our own standards of practice.

These are without doubt the goals of both SIGASCOT and our journal.

I urge you all to seize this valuable opportunity offered by our society.

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