EDITORIAL

Expanding into the future the OTSR is born

We take this opportunity to extend our greetings to the world’s orthopaedic surgeons and researchers in the related sciences. Early in 2009, a new journal will be made available to them to extend their knowledge base: Orthopaedics & Traumatology: Surgery & Research (OTSR).

This journal gathers original articles from the French-speaking orthopaedics community. Articles selected by peer review for publication in French are subsequently translated into English to appear in OTSR, the English version of the French Revue de chirurgie orthopédique, uninterruptedly published since 1880. Now 118 years old, this long-established journal remains the leading franco-phone scientific publication for the worldwide orthopaedics community. The new OTSR, the English counterpart of the RCO, is a pure e-journal, fully indexed in the major international databases. The French version will remain in its traditional printed form under its original title Revue de chirurgie orthopédique et traumatologique, and thus fully available to the world’s French-speaking scientific community, but will no longer be indexed under this name.

Each issue of these twin journals will provide readers with the same set of selected papers published simultaneously. On a worldwide scale, the French-speaking orthopaedics community might appear somewhat small and parochial. However, the recent decades clearly attest to the fact that valuable and innovative therapeutic concepts in our specialty have been brought to light outside the English-speaking community. Furthermore, a given country’s specific healthcare system, medical practices and education can provide a unique perspective leading to creative solutions for hitherto unmet challenges. Finally, OTSR will play an active role in the essential mission of the medical press—sharing, generating, and disseminating knowledge—founded on a partnership with its readers designed to successfully accomplish this task.

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