EDITORIAL

A warm welcome to the Affiliated Societies

For many years, specialized (not to say hyperspecialized) Societies, have been lending their energy to the development and communication of French orthopedic research.

This is so much the case that the French Orthopedic and Traumatologic Surgery Society (SoFCOT) congress began by setting up a specialty day. This met with an ever-increasing success that made it vital for the orthopedic community to recognize the importance and the role of these Societies (first referred to as "Daughter Societies", and now as "Affiliated Societies") by drawing up a contract between them and the SoFCOT.

One last step remained to be taken: to provide a platform for them to publish reports based on presentations made either to their own meetings or to the SoFCOT congress. This has now been done, with the new Affiliated Societies Supplement – a useful addition to the other supplements of our journal: the SoFCOT Congress Abstracts, and the Partner Societies editions (Société orthopédique de l’Ouest and Société française d’arthroscopie).

To put together this annual supplement, each Society has set up an editorial board in charge of selecting two original papers (study or update) and, with the OTSR-RCOT editors, ensuring the quality of the articles in both form and content. And that is indeed the prime objective: to progress from the stage of unstructured Society reports to that of original articles to be translated and published in English in the OTSR and referenced in the major data-banks.

And so we have drawn up this win-win contract:

- for SoFCOT, which, recognizing the status of the Affiliated Societies, is at the heart of the publishing of the French orthopedic community’s work;
- for the Affiliated Societies, for which OTSR-RCOT provides an international platform;
- for OTSR-RCOT, which thus receives the input of high-quality original articles that will boost its readership and impact factor.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thanks to all those who have contributed to this project: the APCORT at its president, Bernard Augereau; the SoFCOT; the presidents and boards of the Affiliated Societies; and our publisher, Elsevier. Together they have succeeded in finding a business model to breathe life into this new adventure for OTSR-RCOT. Long live the Supplement!

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