

EDITORIAL

Restarting

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Back in 1948, the Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (HAOST) was founded. One year later, the official journal of the HAOST was officially published under the name "HAOST bulletin". This bulletin had initially an informative character for the Greek Orthopaedic community. Gradually, it took its final form as the scientific journal of HAOST publishing the clinical and research work of the Greek Orthopaedic Surgeons. The name of the journal was and still is "*Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Hellenica*". The numbering of the volumes and issues of the journal is kept until today so this year the issues of the 68th annual volume will be published.

The first editor of the journal was Ath. Kontargyris (1952) and V. Sourmelis (1960), G. Varouxas (1961), K. Heliopoulos (1973), S. Theodorou (1981), V. Petropoulos (1986), G. Papachristou (1993) I. Germanis (1999) V. Tsemanis (1999), Th. Xenakis (2001), D. Korres (2012) were followed. Since 2014, I have the honour to be the editor of the journal.

During the past decades, the editorial boards of the journal followed the current publication models of their era and proceeded to innovative changes of the form of the journal. Furthermore, the last decade the

journal publishes scientific papers written in bilingual texts in Greek and English language.

The will of the editorial boards was always the introduction of our journal to the international data bases and search engines such as Pubmed, Scopus, etc. Despite the great efforts and for several reasons this aim was never accomplished.

From this current issue, the new editorial board decided to make new amendments regarding the illustration and publication of the journal. The most important change is the decision to accept manuscripts written only in the English language. Furthermore, the journal will be published both in hard copies and in electronic form through its own new Internet site and platform. This innovation will allow the published articles to be shown on the Internet and their authors to expose their work and their names into the World Wide Web.

The achievement of our venture depends not only on our efforts but most of all on your contribution with clinical, research, review and case report works that you would constantly submit for publication. The time will tell if our dream for a strong and internationally recognized journal will finally come true... 