Thank you for 2011

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We can look back at 2011 with positive feelings. The number of submissions has increased substantially and we are heading for well over 900 submissions this year. This is more than double the number of submissions compared with 4–5 years ago. But, not only has the number of submissions increased, but also the number of high-quality papers, and I include both randomised controlled trials and basic scientific studies. This was reflected in our latest impact factor, which when announced last June at 1.857 was the highest our journal has ever achieved.

Currently, we are working on several new projects that we hope will improve the journal. We have published 180 pages per issue this year, and next year, this will be increased to 196. The journal size will be increased by approximately 200 pages. We feel that as the overall standard of the published papers has also increased, we are really giving our readers a better quality journal. In order to meet the increasing workload with a higher number of submissions, the Editorial team will be strengthened as of

January 2012. We are happy that Rainer Siebold and Stefano Zaffagnini will be joining us as new Associate Editors. Roland Becker's role has evolved to cover responsibility for all papers on total knee arthroplasty, hemi-arthroplasty, osteotomies and related topics, all of which has seen a rise in paper submissions.

The journal is still published in a printed version and will continue in this form for the foreseeable future. All our papers are published online first on the website approximately 2 weeks after they are accepted. In order to facilitate our work with the website and other cyberspace-related activities, we have decided to ask Sebastian Kopf to assist the Editorial Team, as Web Editor. We will be driving on an exciting and very fast road; FaceBook and Twitter beckon, but where these new ventures will lead is at present uncertain.

In 2012, KSSTA will celebrate its 20th anniversary. To commemorate this, a themed issue (target publication April 2012) on 'rotational knee laxity—pivot shift', with Volker Musahl from Pittsburgh USA as Guest Editor, is planned. Other similar proposals during the year are on 'Knee Osteotomies', with Romain Seil, Dieter Kohn, Philippe Lobenhofer and Ronald van Heerwarden as Guest Editors, 'Early Osteoarthritis', with Elizaveta Kon as Guest Editor and 'Posterior Cruciate and Postero-Lateral injuries' with Asbjörn Aröen and Peter Verdonk as Guest Editors. Finally, we are planning a theme in 'Beyond the Lachman's test', an exciting topic. Other projects include a series of specially invited review articles and Editorials on 'hot topics', reproduction of the paper(s) that have had the greatest impact during the lifetime of KSSTA and last, but not least, the 'Best Paper award', for the most outstanding study published in the journal during 2010–2011. This Award will be presented at the ESSKA meeting in Geneva May 2012 for the first time.

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Also at the biennial meeting will be the previously well received Journal Reviewer's Course—in collaboration with the journal of Arthroscopy—in a similar format to that in Oslo in 2010. We will also celebrate our 20th anniversary, with a special event during the ESSKA meeting as yet to be finalised but featuring key leaders in the sports medicine publishing world.

We have made changes to the Editorial Board and will continue this renewal. Our ambition is to include those reviewers on the Editorial Board who are doing the most and best reviews. This leads us to acknowledge all the reviewers who are constantly doing great work for the

journal. We are well aware that a good review is time-consuming and we often ask you to do yet another review when you have very little time. We would like to use this opportunity to thank all our reviewers who have done so well for us during the year. Thank you and thank you again. Without you, our journal would not survive.

We are enthusiastic that 2012 will be not only the 20th anniversary, it will be the beginning of a new era for the journal. The ever increasing number of high-quality publications will lead to greater readership and citation and thus a higher impact factor. We look forward working with all of you during the coming year.

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