MEDLINE and the European Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology

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It is with great pride that our editorial board announces that the European Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (EJOST) is indexed by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). This indexation opens the way for MEDLINE, the research engine powered by PubMed and the NLM. A publication indexed by MEDLINE is easy to find, easy to cite and easy to include in an electronic research software such as EndNote or Reference Manager.

The road leading to this achievement started a decade ago with modification of our editorial board structure, a greater involvement of international reviewers and scientific committee panel members, higher quality research papers both on a clinical and on an ethical standpoint, modernization and timing of our reviewing process and most importantly, affiliation with new Orthopaedic societies. In the last 2 years, societies such as the Romanian,

Serbian, Slovenian, the Chinese Hebei society, Pan Arabic and soon, the Brazilian Orthopaedic trauma society have joined our ship, choosing the European Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (EJOST) as ‘their’ journal. We feel privileged to have such a broad spectrum of countries and associations putting trust in EJOST and hope that they feel that this victory is also theirs. We would also like to thank our readers and authors who, throughout the years, have sent quality work. The level of their publication is certainly the most important factor in the decision process of the National Library of Medicine Panel to promote us to the very sought after ‘MEDLINE status’.

This is now a new era for EJOST, one that will have an impact for all of us. First, the number of yearly submission will grow from the current hundreds to a few thousands. By the sole fact of being listed in MEDLINE, the reference of some of our publications will increase and our impact factor will creep up significantly. The advertisers will be more inclined to advertise their products in our journals with healthier revenue for our publishers. With more submissions, reviewers and editors will have to be more ‘picky’ and critical to reach an improvement in the quality of research published.

Be confident that with the new indexation, our main focus will remain the service that we provide for our

- Authors, with rapid, objective quality peer reviewing process and ease of communication with editors and publishers.
- Readers, with high quality publication covering many orthopaedic topics.

In the next few months, we will restructure some aspects of the Journal. Our plan is to change the format of our case reports, with 2 or 3 cases published per edition as a short case placed at the end of each issue. Furthermore, we will

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encourage authors to submit review papers in a new section devoted to this: ‘up to date review’. In addition, we are including a checklist, borrowed from the Bone and Joint Journal, allowing authors to review their article prior to submission. This can also serve as a guide for quality control during the writing process.

We want you to feel that the European Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (EJOST) remains YOUR journal and that having this new ‘stage’ to perform on (MEDLINE) you realize that a much broader readership will read your work.