Going Far: *CORR*®'s Newest Affiliated Societies

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“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” — African Proverb

We at *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*® take special pride in our affiliations and partnerships. *CORR*® is the official or affiliate journal to 14 societies in eight countries on four continents. Our affiliations connect us in important, structural ways. These diverse partnerships allow us to highlight clinical and basic research that ultimately supports our specialty.

While many of our professional issues are universal, such as the desire to deliver evidence-based expert patient care, others are particular, and differ from one country to another. Because musculoskeletal injury and disease do not respect geographic borders, it is critical that we meet our readers' needs in the thousands of institutions around the world where *CORR*® is enjoyed. Our international editors and many society partners help us to do this.

We also think about partnerships in terms of subspecialties. We are proud of our longstanding affiliations with some of the world's leading societies in hip, knee, and

tumor surgery. This month, we are pleased to announce a new affiliation with an important society whose focus is the patient with musculoskeletal injury: AOTrauma North America. This fast-moving group includes a mixture of young traumatologists and internationally known thought leaders in the discipline. We expect that with *CORR*® as the official journal of AOTrauma North America, the upswing we have seen this year in terms of high-quality trauma research published in our journal will continue.

Although the diversity of our subspecialty is well represented in terms of geography and subspecialty among our affiliates and on our editorial board, orthopaedic surgery has long lagged behind other specialties in terms of gender diversity. This holds true for some of our related sciences as well, especially engineering. Almost every medical discipline includes women in closer proportion to population demographics than orthopaedics. It should go without saying that this persistent problem does a disservice to women, to orthopaedic surgery, and to the patients whom we treat. No one wins when half the brains are excluded from the conversation.

We are also thrilled to announce that *CORR*® has become the official journal of a society whose mission is to promote the professional growth and leadership of women in our specialty, and to advance the science and practice of orthopaedic surgery among women: the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. With their partnership and help, we will publish columns on issues of importance to women surgeons, including two in this issue. The first is an essay on the difference between sex and gender (DOI:10.1007/s11999-013-3456-y). The second profiles the extraordinary life of orthopaedic giant Jacquelin Perry MD (DOI:10.1007/s11999-013-3457-x).

And of course, we will continue to deliver research content on gender issues, and encourage ongoing conversations on related topics, as we did in last month's editorial

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[1] on ways to report research that will extend the benefits of evidence-based care equally to male and female patients.

Going fast is fun. Going far is more important. Our partnerships — new and old alike — help us do just that. We welcome AOTrauma North America and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society into the *CORR*® family.

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