Editorial

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The official European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) journal, *European Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EOTR)*, was launched in Madrid at the EFORT Congress 2010 and the response has been extremely positive.

Increasing numbers of manuscripts have been submitted and we are happy that many of them are from outside Europe.

This is, in a special way, in line with our wishes, as our journal is intended to increase communication not only within our European orthopaedic family but also with our colleagues worldwide working in the broad field of musculoskeletal conditions.

The main intention of this editorial is to ask all members of societies and all specialty societies to participate, to give input, to present experiences, to demonstrate special situations in each country or difficult current discussions and tendencies of a speciality, to start discussions about open questions and to be part of the dialogue in orthopaedics.

The wide area of patient care in “orthopaedics and musculoskeletal traumatology” needs deep discussion about indications towards diagnosis and therapy, and also about procedures—in this sense a discussion based on data to decide about EFORT guidelines. We do need this urgently.

Our main instruments to support a successful evolution of orthopaedics in Europe are the permanent communication concerning education with the help of our journal and, together with specialty societies, the political discussion in Brussels.

Both activities have been started. Be part of them.

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