Editorial

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Dear EFORT members, members of specialty societies, and readers of *European Orthopaedics and Traumatology* (EOTR):

In EFORT Congress in Madrid, on 2010, we launched our EFORT European Journal—EOTR. At the Congress in Copenhagen in 2011, we reported about our first difficult steps, and at the end of the second year, now at our congress in Berlin, we speak about experiences and following consequences in the work and structure of EOTR. With a new presidency from 1 January 2012 on and partly a new executive board, our focus increasingly is to serve for our members, the national member societies of orthopaedics and traumatology.

Beside our editorial board, the chance to work on this is focused in the hands of all the liaison editors as they give not only scientific input to the journal, but in addition are with the use of the journal, the bridge between their national societies with all specialised hospitals and members and the

EFORT ExCom representing our society in a centralised way. As we all more and more realise the importance of the political evolution of Europe and the increasing European input to our all daily work, we will increase our activities in Brussels continuously and look for helpful alliances to promote musculoskeletal conditions and trauma care of the musculoskeletal system.

Realistically, this is not only based on good ideas or clear questions that should be solved; our power is in addition or basically based on personal relationships to our politicians, whom we all from our countries did send to the European Parliament and/or commissions. To make those contacts easy for you, we did send you all the necessary contacts of members of European Parliament coming from your country. Please use this possibility, which of course is only a chance to EFORT, if you come back to us with your local information.

As done in the last issue, we further will equip you with “news from Europe”, enabling you to think about the whole system and involve yourself and/or your team and/or your national society in European activities. The contention of our journal on the other side is open to each orthopaedic scientific article either case report or original article or review, if it is accepted by the reviewers.

As it is in addition, the duty of our journal to harmonise orthopaedics in Europe necessarily, we have in addition need to focus on education. Therefore, in the future, issues dealing with one “hot topic” are necessary and need your input and active participation. Last but not least, we should have editors coming from industry to bring in either normally reviewed scientific news from their research labs or information about really existing news in the spectrum of products or procedures, of course only those news, which are of value for us, the users. Discussions about the structure of our journal for example the mechanisms of access are ongoing; news in this sense will be given to you then immediately.

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