Editorial

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

The 13th EFORT Annual Congress 2012 Berlin concluded successfully.

With this, EOTR has completed its first 2 years of existence. Chaired by EFORT President Professor Dr. Pierre Hoffmeyer and the Past President Professor Dr. Karl-Göran Thorngren, a symposium discussed the future of orthopaedics journals. One result of this highly interesting symposium and following discussion was that our EFORT

Journal has intentions quite different from those of other purely scientific journals.

The duty of our journal in the near future is to increase the scientific level of the growing number of articles and, if possible, the discussion about the articles published; plus, on the other hand, as it is the official EFORT journal, we have to continue in primarily European networking with the intention of networking by educating.

Parallel to this, it is a privileged possibility and duty of EOTR to inform all EFORT members about changes and inputs of European Health Policy, with the increasing chance of orthopaedics and musculoskeletal traumatology to be involved in European research projects.

The question of changing our journal to an open access journal was discussed and understood as a new, additional possibility. This discussion will be continued.

The position and importance of higher active involvement of member societies and specialty societies linked to EFORT was subsequently discussed in the Editorial Board Meeting. A report about this will be given separately in due course.

A meeting of liaison editors—of highest importance to better involve all national member societies—did not happen in Berlin because of organisational reasons. For sure, such a meeting of prime importance will happen at the next EFORT Congress, to be held from the 5th to 8th of June 2012 in Istanbul.

In summary, to all editors and liaison editors we express our deep thanks for providing their enterprise and experience, which has been the basis for the progress and evolution of our journal in the first 2 years.

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