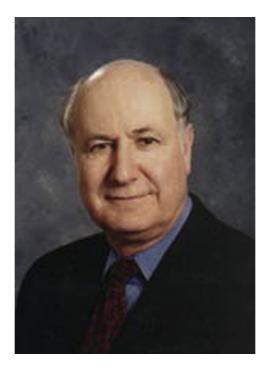


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Welcome from the Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the preview issue of *Spine Deformity*, the official journal of the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS). The journal is a peer-refereed publication to disseminate knowledge on basic science and clinical research into the etiology, biomechanics, treatment methods, and outcomes of all types of spinal deformities.

The aim of the Journal is to enhance the mission of the Society, to foster the optimal care of all patients with spine deformities worldwide. To further this aim the precourse of the Annual Meeting of 2011 focused on optimizing safety in the treatment of spine deformities, as well as having Instructional Courses concentrating on this aim, one of which covered Syndromic conditions. The welcome remarks of the Dr. Larry Lenke and Dr. Joseph Perra who were in office at the 2011 Annual Meeting introduce the contributions to this preview issue of *Spine Deformity*.

The Editorial Board of Deputy and Associate Editors have the goal of making *Spine Deformity* the global source of knowledge of spine deformities. We would like to thank the authors of this preview issue for their submissions and work on the manuscripts to help put this issue together.

We welcome all submissions and comments to achieve our aims.

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