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Welcome to the special issue of Spine Deformity in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Scoliosis Research Society. The issue is an expanded issue covering articles of historical interest as well as long term follow-up studies.

The Howard Steel Lecture this year is special covering the origins and the history of the SRS, presented by three former presidents Drs. David Levine, Ron DeWald and Vern Tolo, two of whom are among the founders of the Society. These talks are expanded in the lead off articles in this issue. The historical theme continues with “The history of spinal deformity” by Dr. John Kostuik, a “Biography of Dr. Paul Harrington” by Dr. Jesse Dickson, and an autobiography of Dr. John Moe, Drs. Harrington and Moe being early pioneers in the treatment of spinal deformities.

A collection of long term outcome studies is included, all interestingly from our international members. Studies with over 20-year follow-up on the long term radiological outcomes of AIS, and the pulmonary function and quality of life outcomes of EOS are presented from Denmark and Sweden. The findings in the lumbar spine after fusion with a 10-year follow-up come from Japan and Turkey. Additional case studies complete the issue, with interesting data on Ponte Osteotomies.

Enjoy this issue, and welcome to Minneapolis and the 50th Anniversary meeting.



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