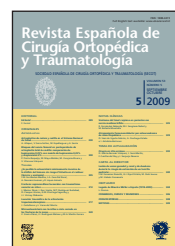


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### EDITORIAL

We are fast approaching the year 2010, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Society. Next year will be a genuinely exciting one since apart from honoring our beloved Society we shall be preparing for the forthcoming combined SECOT-EFORT Congress, which will give us all the opportunity to promote new ideas and a constitute compelling reason to give our Society all the support it deserves.

In 2009, SECOT has put into action some of the priorities within our well-known Strategic Plan; some goals have been achieved, whereas others will be addressed at a later stage. We have also come across some obstacles: for the sixth time around, our *Revista* was refused admission to Medline. Under different Presidents and Editors-in-Chief our journal has time and again failed in this endeavor. What are the reasons? There are probably many and varied reasons, but they are difficult to find out or understand. Nonetheless, this does not mean that we should give up or turn our backs on an ambitious and long-standing enterprise that has become the main hallmark of our Society.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carlos Rodríguez Merchán his many years of unstinted devotion to our *Revista*. On the basis of recommendations made by Medline on previous occasions, Carlos introduced many changes to our publications, which unfortunately did not succeed in getting us into the prestigious database. When he learned about the negative result of our last application, he decided to tender his resignation to the *Revista's* Board, a gesture that bears testimony to his personal qualities. Carlos has been and will remain a reference in the Spanish literature on Trauma Surgery and an essential part of the history of our publications.

Writing in our journal should be a reference for all our members. Publishing an article in the *Revista* contributes to improving our work, telling others about what we do in our country and exchanging opinions with our colleagues. Moreover, it is a learning tool for young surgeons, a means

of training paper reviewers and a stimulus for a department in any hospital. Although it is true that the articles published in the *Revista* are not indexed by Medline, this cannot be used as an excuse not to submit manuscripts. Articles published in our journal appear in the most important search engines. Every single article is available in English on the SECOT and Elsevier's website and, in addition, any one of those papers can be downloaded from the Internet.

At present we can take it easy since we cannot apply for admission to Medline again until 2012. This means that we have time to make the journal that our members want, one that will meet their needs. Far from becoming obsessed with indexing, our main goal should be making a journal that is useful and attractive to our members.

We would like to turn the *Revista* into a reference for Spanish-speaking orthopedic and trauma surgery. With that idea in mind, we have established preliminary contacts with the Portuguese society and some Latin American societies with a view to creating a parallel project that may be of interest to one and all and that may carve out a name for itself on the international scene.

We need to recover our excitement! In compliance with the by-laws adopted at our last General Assembly in Valencia, the President will appoint a new Editorial Committee. My appointment as Editor-in-Chief of the *Revista* is a temporary one and expires at the end of this year. It is my duty now, as it will be that of the new Editor as from January, to convey to all Spanish-speaking orthopedic surgeons the need to use the *Revista* give expression to our clinical and scientific experiences, mindful of the fact that the quality of the *Revista* will be the scientific reflection of our Society.

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