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Finally, we have received the great news: *REVISTA ESPAÑOLA DE CIRUGÍA ORTOPÉDICA Y TRAUMATOLOGÍA* has been accepted into MEDLINE/PubMed and, therefore, joins the select club which brings together the best scientific journals, giving it greater international "visibility".

This goal could not have been achieved had the long road not been paved by all the Journal Editors who preceded me, so I am sure that all of them, wherever they may be, will share this joy with us.

However, it is only fair to specially acknowledge the previous Managing Board, chaired by Dr. Rodríguez-Altónaga, along with doctors Gil-Garay, Guaredo and Monllau, because they were responsible for the final and definitive effort. To them I offer my deepest gratitude for placing me in the advantageous position of leading the Journal in this new phase.

Indexing of the Journal in MEDLINE/PubMed is not the aim of our publication, rather on the contrary, it is the beginning of a difficult undertaking which should lead us to achieve indexation in Thomson and thus obtain an impact factor (IF) in accordance to the quality of published works. This IF, so important nowadays for project funding or career advancement, especially in universities, was initially conceived as an element to measure the importance of scientific journals, both within the set of scientific press releases and in the context of a particular specialty. The IF is determined by the Journal Citation Report (JCR) of the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) in Philadelphia, and is defined as the number of citations of a journal obtained in the year to be

evaluated belonging to publications of that journal during the previous 2 years, in relation to the number of citable articles published in those same 2 years.

Although we should not lose our focus and always bear in mind that the relevance and results of our work should have priority over the impact of the journal in which we publish them, the fundamental objective of any scientific journal is the dissemination of those results. Therefore, the aim of our Journal is to attain a relevant position within our specialty. In order to obtain the best possible result in this evaluation, the Editorial Board of the Journal will have to select the best works, so that they can be cited for their interest by other, equally indexed, international journals. Moreover, from this position I would like to ask all those submitting future publications to international journals to make an effort to cite works published in *REVISTA ESPAÑOLA DE CIRUGÍA ORTOPÉDICA Y TRAUMATOLOGÍA* from 2012, as we will attempt to prepare the Journal for Thomson indexing as soon as possible.

Finally, I wish to thank all the mentioned members of the Editing Committee, who face this hard and selfless work, for their unconditional and enthusiastic acceptance of the new roles they will adopt in the next issue of our cherished publication.

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