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EDITORIAL NOTE

E-Journal of the Latin American Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (SLAOT)[☆]

Revista electrónica de la Sociedad Latinoamericana de Ortopedia y Traumatología (SLAOT)

On 18 May 2012, editors and directors of scientific journals for the speciality in the Latin American and Iberian realm met in the context of the Colombian Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (SCCOT in Spanish) Congress held in Cartagena. There were representatives from Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Spain, and the Secretary for the Latin American Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (SLAOT in Spanish) also attended this meeting. Professor Forriol attended in representation of the corresponding Spanish Society and its journal, because it was impossible for the members of the editorial committee (invited through the director) to be present then.

The result of the meeting was the creation of a virtual journal (that is, in electronic format alone), the e-journal SLAOT. This new publication will have 3 main editors (Dr Camanho, from Brazil; Dr Gómez García, from Mexico; and Dr Forriol, from Spain) and 3 reserves (Dr Vega, Chile; Dr Toledo, México; and Dr Campagnaro, Venezuela), as well as an associate editor representing SLAOT, Dr Herrera (Colombia). Along with these professionals, there will be an editorial committee composed of editors and directors of Orthopaedics and Traumatology journals.

To initiate this e-journal, each of the countries involved in this founding agreement has promised to send 4

articles, produced and published within the last 2 years, "with the legal authorisations required for publication under joint agreements". Likewise, this group "will respect the autonomy and publication policies of each country", while also "putting a group of consultants, reviewers and colleagues at their disposition to help them to become part of a great international support group".

Consequently, the signing of this agreement has made a new information channel for our scientific milieu available. Our Society, federated in the "European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology" (EFORT), is now linked more closely to Latin American-Iberian publication realms and can act as a bridge between the two spheres. Likewise, articles that have already appeared in our journal can disseminate the work of our authors more widely, with the applicable publication and intellectual property permission from our Spanish society SECOT and from Elsevier. The editorial committee of this new e-journal will choose from already-published articles, having the pertinent assignment of rights.

The RECOT editorial board trusts that this initiative will constitute an opportunity for all the authors of our speciality in the Ibero-American languages (Spanish and Portuguese) and that it will help in including RECOT in international scientific indexes.

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