

Editorial

The Finnish Journal of Orthopaedics and Traumatology has over the years developed into an essential part of the Finnish orthopaedic community. We have published articles related to various educational courses and provided a platform for communicating the scientific papers presented at the annual meeting of the operative societies in Finland. Both of these functions are of course very important. Publishing articles related to an educational event amounts to sharing the event and it has the worthy goal of passing on information for the benefit of non-participants. Publishing papers presented at the annual meeting is equally important as many a young colleague has had his/her first exposure to scientific writing through these reports.

To celebrate the Journal's thirty-first volume I am happy to launch yet another, a completely different type of publication. The current theme issue on navigation is our first fully commissioned issue designed to cover a single topic in orthopaedics for the benefit of our members. In other words – the articles in this issue were written specifically for you with the aim of getting an in-depth overall picture of the subject at hand. With this package of information we should be better equipped to understand what navigation is all about and we should also have a clear picture of its potential fields of application.

My sincere thanks go to guest editor Teija Lund who has spared herself no effort in compiling the issue. To get so many outstanding contributions from experts all over the world is truly a Herculean feat. I will naturally extend my thanks to all of the authors who managed to find time and energy for writing these articles. I hope your efforts will fall into good soil and prove to be fruitful for our orthopaedic community in Finland.

The current issue is – I hope – a good start for a new way of activity in the Journal. We will continue to report on educational events and the annual meeting but I would welcome suggestions for new topics for theme issues. We have many interesting topics in orthopaedics and trauma that would merit coverage in detail. Now that we have another tool to do that, why not use it in the future?

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