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Editorial

Scientific research is certainly the best method to get precise information about our environment. While it is not necessary to make great discoveries or inventions, it is most important to obtain accurate knowledge about our surroundings, and not accept findings that are superficial and misleading. If the context is not well understood through scientific knowledge, it is difficult to detect the true needs of a country's population and generate solutions and technology.

The countries that have been concerned with understanding their environment systematically have been able to develop high level technology and introduce it to the whole world. With this, they have become worldwide opinion leaders and have obtained funding to continue their projects. On the other hand, those who must import ideas must also import technology and become permanent clients of the ones who own it. For this reason, it is generally accepted that scientific research develops culture, contributes to the philosophy, and determines the way of life of a civilization.

The scientific research developed in the field of orthopedics in our country, without a doubt, reflects the diseases and injuries that affect the muscular-skeletal system of our people, and how and under what conditions we treat them, including the results we obtain. It is important to spread this knowledge to our colleagues and related professionals. But it is just as important to inform colleagues

in other countries because in that way, we can contribute to the universal development of our specialty and spark interest in other cultures about what is happening here.

One way to achieve this objective, is to publish our journal in English, since, as we all know, it is the language most often used in scientific circles, making it the best vehicle to inform others about us.

For this reason, *Acta Ortopédica Mexicana*, the official journal of the Mexican Society of Orthopedic Surgeons, has selected some papers from its last volumes to be translated into English, in order to make them available to English speaking medical groups, as well to other non-Spanish speaking groups.

Starting with this number, this journal will publish an issue in English biannually, and will include the best articles published during the previous six months. These issues will be distributed mainly to libraries and hospitals where Spanish is not spoken.

The purpose of this project, besides the appearing of our journal in an electronic index and browsers, together with the rising contribution of foreign authors, will increase its literary impact and contributing to the development of our specialty in Mexico.

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