

Editorial: Joint Congress between the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons and the Argentinean Shoulder and Elbow Association

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I am grateful for the opportunity given by Acta of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery to publish the abstracts selected for the First Joint Congress between the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons and the Argentinean Shoulder and Elbow Association. This meeting brought together assistants from all over South America and Spain and allowed to interact with one of the most important shoulder and elbow societies in the world.

Acta of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery covers a need and fills a very important space. The possibility of having a forum for publishing papers and scientific discussion online that is not managed by a commercial company is excellent news.

We are experiencing a changing time in relation to editorial policies. The great

difficulty of accessing to publish in certain journals, gave way to the offer to accept the works by means of payment with the excuse of offering an open publication. This may be an alternative for certain researchers backed by a university or a company but in most cases in our environment that does not happen. On the other hand, academic electronic spam including invitations to attend conferences or submit manuscripts sent by predatory publishers or organizations cause great confusion. Despite all difficulties, the interest for scientific search, to exchange information and publish is not interrupted. The production of scientific works in our countries is the result of the personal effort of the researchers in most cases. The development of a multilateral

information flow model is our responsibility. To achieve this, it is necessary to join forces and have a clear common goal. Working in this way allows the achievement of the proposed objectives. A good example of this is the organization in just over 10 years of two shoulder and elbow world congresses in Latin America, by Brazil (2007) and Argentina (2019).

In conclusion, we have a very important human potential that, in so far as it has communication tools and an accessible participation framework, will be able to make a significant contribution to our subspecialty. Acta of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery can become a fundamental link in this process.

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