Editorial

History of the Journal, the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association

The Journal of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Rehabilitation (JOTR) is a continuation of The Hong Kong Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery (HKJOS), which has been published since 1997 under the leadership of Dr Stephen W.C. Wu as the Editor-in-Chief. The inception of HKJOS occurred during the Presidency of Dr P.Y. Lau of The Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association (HKOA). He proposed this idea at a HKOA council meeting and received unanimous support. Professor Jack C.Y. Cheng then led a small group to explore its feasibility and got support from The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (HKCOS) with Professor K.M. Chan as the President.

HKJOS was run by the Editorial Board and governed by the Board of Trustees that was composed of four members, with two each from the HKCOS and HKOA. In September 1962, the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Club was formed by seven full-time orthopaedic surgeons. It was the precedent body of the HKOA. On 4 November 1965, the inaugural meeting of the HKOA took place, with Professor Hodgson elected as the first President and Dr Arthur Yau elected as the Honorary Secretary, and the HKOA was thus born. The HKOA has been organizing its regular annual congresses since 1981, then under the Presidency of Dr Louis Hsu. Dr York Y.N. Chow was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the first four HKOA Annual Congresses from 1981 to 1984. In addition to the annual congresses, the HKOA has organized many other academic and training activities for the rapidly expanding orthopaedic fraternity, even providing research grants. The HKOA supports international exchange with other national orthopaedic associations in the Asia-Pacific region by supporting travelling fellowships. It also organizes social activities for fellows and members (and their families) such as dragon boat competitions, family and sports days, HKOA golf days, and participation in the Hong Kong Oxfam Trailwalker.

The HKCOS was born after its first general meeting on 30 April 1987, with Professor Sir Harry S.Y. Fang as the first President. With the formation of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in 1993, the HKCOS became the statutory organization officially charged with setting the standards of professional orthopaedic training, accrediting orthopaedic education programs and conducting professional qualifying examinations. It constantly improves itself with new initiatives in enhancing the efficacy of teaching to trainees, such as by starting clinical tutorials under the inception of Dr W.K. Ngai, directly and indirectly contributing to subspecialty development in the local orthopaedic fraternity.

Due to various considerations, one of which is to expand the perspective of our journal from local exchange of peer ideas to a regional platform for exchange incorporating Southern China and Southeast Asia, we have changed the journal’s name to JOTR. It is still governed by the Board of Trustees that is composed of four members, with two each from the HKCOS and HKOA. We have an electronic version on the web as well (available at http://www.e-jotr.com).

We look forward to receiving your active participation in sharing your precious experience and ideas for advancement in the field of orthopaedics, trauma and rehabilitation.

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