



EFORT Open Reviews: the Scientific Editor's perspective

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This first print edition of *EFORT Open Reviews* is a most significant step in the development of EFORT publications, in collaboration with The British Editorial Society of Bone & Joint Surgery (publishers of BJJ – *The Bone & Joint Journal*).

The EFORT executive realised that EFORT required a significant journal with high-quality papers which would reflect current practice and research to 'front up' the Federation's publications, especially scientifically, as an essential part of its developing pan-European educational and curriculum programmes.

To ensure this, *EFORT Open Reviews* needed to be peer-reviewed by speciality section editors, backed up by a Scientific Editor responsible for quality control and contemporary English language, under the overall supervision of the Editor-in-Chief, Professor Pierre Hoffmeyer. To facilitate this process, EFORT is working in close collaboration with the Managing Director of The British Editorial Society of Bone & Joint Surgery, Peter Richardson, and his colleagues whose expertise is at the disposal of EFORT to facilitate the launch of EOR. As an open access, peer-reviewed journal, EOR has the great advantages of being current, online, instantly available and free to read.

The response already has been enormous, with a world-class team of Associate Editors, Editorial Board and reviewers recruited, including outstanding names from across the world of orthopaedics and traumatology. Just under 100 papers have been submitted to the journal for consideration at the time of writing. Submissions are invited from all centres and individuals, and already the quality of the papers and the review process has reached a very high standard.

To maintain a good EFORT tradition of producing an Instructional Course Lecture book, free to all delegates

attending the annual Congress (Geneva in 2016), and composed of the lectures to be presented at the Congress, this EOR print edition will replace the EFORT Instructional Lecture book, which has been published in 15 editions since 1993.

In future, we anticipate that *EFORT Open Reviews*, the official journal of EFORT, will progressively stamp the exceptional quality of European and worldwide orthopaedics and traumatology on the publishing world. This process would not have been possible without the expertise and publicity 'clout' of the British Editorial Society of Bone & Joint Surgery, in particular Peter Richardson (Managing Director), Amy Goggins (Commissioning Editor) and Kate Picard (Editorial Production Manager), to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude.

I hope you enjoy reading this first print version of EOR. I am sure that you will be fascinated and stimulated, and that your practice and research will be enhanced.

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