



Dear readers!

A quarter of a century ago, in 1993, the first issue of "Traumatology and Orthopaedics of Russia" journal came out. Its appearance owes to the information gap in our specialty after the Soviet Union collapsed. The only dedicated journal in the USSR was published in Kharkov and after 1991 became a foreign edition. Thus, the "Traumatology and Orthopaedics of Russia" was intended to be a platform for the Russian researchers and practicing surgeons to share scientific accomplishments, hands-on experience, publish information on past and forthcoming forums. However, over time the journal extended the geography of publications by including papers from near and far countries outside the former Soviet Union.

The first editorial board was composed of directors of research and scientific institutes for trauma and orthopaedics, heads of specialized departments and leading specialists. Prof. N.V. Kornilov, director of the Vreden Russian Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics (RNIITO), became the chief editor. The journal has immediately become popular among trauma and orthopaedic surgeons and truly the national edition where authors from all over the country published their articles. In 2001 the journal was enlisted into the register of editions recommended by the Russian State Commission for Academic Degrees and Titles for publishing of dissertation materials. However, there were hard times with lack of funding for composing and printing the journal, so some is-

sues at the end of 1990s and in early 2000s were not released.

A new era of the journal started in 2004 after the decision was made not only to recover a due frequency of issues, but to enhance the quality of publications. We developed quality criteria for scientific papers which correspond to international requirements and to the principles of evidence based medicine. The editorial board was reinforced by internationally acknowledged specialists from the leading world clinics. Primary consideration was given to the selection of reviewers whose expertise, professionalism and efforts provided for boosting the journal's rating.

As of 2007 the journal is available at the national scientific electronic library eLIBRARY and included into the Russian Science Citation Index (RSCI) where it is the leader among editions in "traumatology and orthopaedics" specialty. During past 5 years our journal is among the 15% of the best country medical journals. Biennial impact factor of the journal in RSCI for 2017 was 1.026 including citations from all sources. Five-year impact factor keeps steadily growing and increased more than fivefold, from 0.164 to 0.826, as compared to 2008.

Constant efforts dedicated to improvement of the journal resulted in including of "Traumatology and Orthopaedics of Russia" into the Web of Science platform. This became possible through the work of a large team of reviewers and members of the editorial board each of whom contributed their share of efforts and pursuit to perfect the journal. And certainly the board is grateful to all authors who submit the outcomes of their research to the editorial office and do the meticulous work together with editors for improvement of the manuscripts.

The electronic version of the journal contains all articles fully translated into the English language.

Quarter of a century is both a big and a small period of time for the scientific edition. Nevertheless, we set the task to enter the European and world elite of orthopaedic publications, to gradually achieve the frequency of 6 issues per year, to enter all world databases to make the works of the Russian researchers available to our colleagues in all countries. In working on this task we hope for and rely on further support and contribution of the leading national specialists in trauma and orthopaedic surgery to our journal.

*Yours respectfully,
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