



Message from the Editor Emeritus...



It gives me great pleasure to give this message for this edition of the Sri Lankan Journal of Orthopaedic surgery (SLJOS) of the Sri Lanka Orthopaedic Association (SLOA).

The SLOA started in the year 1992 and the SLJOS was first published in the year 2008 under my editorship. Unfortunately, this was followed by a lull in the activities of the SLOA (and the journal). After a period of dormancy, the SLOA was reactivated and with that the SLJOS went back into print in the year 2016. Since then we have published the journal annually, excluding the

year 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the period of Covid-19 there has been a resurgence of the SLOA. Last year, 2022 witnessed the formation of an Arthroplasty society and a Spine society. This year there has been the establishment of the Sri Lanka Arthroscopic Society and the Paediatric Orthopaedic Society of Sri Lanka. In addition to the usual AO workshops there have been a multitude of other workshops including both live surgery as well as cadaveric workshops. This year the first cadaveric arthroscopy workshop was done in collaboration with the Sri Jayewardenapura University, which is a great achievement and I am confident that this will be the start of a very successful relationship that will lead to many successful workshops in the future.

I need to thank my co-editors Dr. Shivantha Fernandopulle and Dr. Hiran Amarasekara for their hard work in getting the journal published over the years. Dr. Shivantha Fernandopulle did a mammoth task during the formative years of the journal and Hiran, my right hand towards the latter years. Hiran worked as the Editor-in-Chief for the last few years and was instrumental in obtaining the ISDN numbers for the journal, providing a set of formal guidelines and addressing the issue of an on-line presence for the journal. This year he will be taking reins as the President of the SLOA. I wish him all the best and remain confident that he will continue to support the journal in his usual style.

Unfortunately, despite the enormous talent and capabilities of my trainees (and orthopaedic surgeons) I have seen in my work life, and the 15 years that I have been the editor of this journal; it has to be reluctantly admitted, that research has not been a forte. I'm sincerely hoping to witness a change of that in my years as an Editor Emeritus. I am confident that the formation of multiple interest groups in this year and the last, will lead to a wave of research!

This year the Editorial board has been expanded and now accommodates an international advisory board as well. Dr. Sumedha S. Amarasekara, a former registrar of mine- So, I am still among very familiar faces!- of many years ago, has taken over the responsibility of the journal as the new Editor-in- Chief.

I wish the new editorial board all the success in the coming years.

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