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It is an honor of a lifetime to take the role of Editor in Chief of the Journal of ISAKOS. Niek Van Dijk has led this journal with Leendert Blankevoort since its inception and they have done a commendable job. Their successes were recently noted with the increased recognition of the journal as a beacon of academic excellence and the establishment of the important impact factor of 1.6! This is quite an accomplishment for a journal that is still developing and finding its way amongst the vast number of orthopaedic titles. I do recognize that succeeding at this role is a team effort and I would like to introduce some important members of our editorial team. First, Mr. Vikas Khanduja is the new Associate Editor in Chief and partner in this opportunity. He brings a tremendous amount of knowledge, expertise and innovation to the journal. He has served as a leader in several organizations including past President of the British Hip Society and President Elect of SICOT. Next, I would like to introduce you to the next Managing Editor of the journal, Ms. Nicole Simunovic. She is currently the Research Manager of the McMaster University Sports Medicine Research Collaborative and has an extensive publication and administrative leadership record relating to clinical trials and health research methodology. As the new Editor in Chief, I bring experience as a joint preservation specialist with a robust clinical research program focused on evidence-based medicine, as well as prior expertise in the editorial process. The key however to our collective success remains all of you – our ISAKOS members. Whether you serve the journal as a Reviewer, Editorial Board Member, Associate Editor or simply reader of published articles, we welcome your input and support. Without it, we can only hope to make modest gains for the journal. What you can expect from us is to build on the previous team’s record and continue to propel the journal forward with inclusive excellence. This means developing innovative publication formats, designing programs that lead to publications from low to middle income countries, and utilizing social media to enhance our journal’s offerings while staying true to the principles of evidence-based medicine. Success will take more efforts than ever before but we believe that our unified team can accomplish great things. We are humbled and energized by the support we have received to date and are ready to get to work. Thank you all for this opportunity and we are ready to work as a team, with all of you as our teammates.
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