

A New Journal : The Journal of the Asean Orthopaedic Association

The ASEAN Orthopaedic Association was given birth in 1980 by a group of for looking orthopaedic surgeons from 5 member countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, who met in Manila that year. Since that time there has been an annual ASEAN Orthopaedic Association (AOA) meeting, rotating from one country to the other, in which members can gather to exchange scientific and clinical experiences. In 1983 an ASEAN orthopaedic Association Travelling Fellowship was set up where by 5 fellows from each country travelled together through 5 nations. 1987 saw the inception of the Senior ASEAN Travelling Fellows, a scheme similar to the AOA Travelling Fellow but this time involving every senior members of the AOA. The important duty of the Senior Fellowship is not just only to strengthen tie of each other as an orthopaedic ambassadors representing his own nation but also contribute their knowledges and experiences to young orthopaedists of the countries they visit.

It only appeared logical that the next step forward in this cooperative spirit should be the establishment of an official Journal of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association. A set of editorial and advisory board were then formed aiming to produce two issues of journal annually.

With this inaugural issue of the Journal of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association the orthopaedists of the ASEAN region proudly present the first fruit of their concerted efforts to fullfill a protracted desire to have their own media of communiation for a smooth and speedy disipation and exchanged of knowledge among themselves as well as among others of the world. It thus realizing a long time dream the organizers note with pride and pleasure the very ready and kind assistance and cooperation rendered to them by the editorial and advisory board. This phenomenon ensures a steady influx of articles for our Journal and foretell the publication of multiplicity of views and works of unrestricted scope of the orthopaedic world.

Considering a large number of high quality of papers presented at the annual scientific meeting of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association, many of them were different from what one would learn in the literatures from the western countries in term of type of conditions, incidence and even the way of treatment. The Journal of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association can be a place for publication of those works. With the support of orthopaedic surgeons in and out the ASEAN region, many of whom already have their names etched on the international honour rolls as experts, and many more have gained world wide recognition as aauthorities, we have every reason to believe that our Journal will not remain long an initiate, but will quickly ascent the steps of recognition to assume its rightful place among the well established publication in due time. We are quite confident to establish two issues of Journal annually and make it interesting and fruitful reading.

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