

Editorial: Hail and Farewell

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During my brief span as an active-duty soldier in the Army, I remember finding one military ceremony, the “Hail and Farewell,” especially moving. The Hail and Farewell is an opportunity to welcome newcomers to the team, and recognize those retiring or otherwise departing. That a single event allows the enterprise to honor every contributor, even as it demonstrates continuity and conveys that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

But the relationship between the ceremony’s name to the event itself has always troubled me. “Hail and

Farewell” is named for the last line in Catullus 101 [2], in which the despairing poet Gaius Valerius Catullus laments the death of his brother. Those doleful words always seemed a poor match for the eponymously named event. While Hail and Farewell in the Army always involved goodbyes, unlike the poem, it never seemed sad to me. Rather, the ceremony reflected the energy of those coming in, and celebrated a turning of the page for those moving on.

In that spirit, I offer an Army-style (and not a Catulline) Hail and Farewell to two publishers, both of which have long relationships with *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*®.

First, with this issue of *CORR*® we celebrate our first issue with Wolters Kluwer’s Lippincott publishing portfolio. Although this is the beginning of a new relationship, I note that the first half-century or so of *CORR*’s history included a long partnership with Lippincott, which since has become part of Wolters Kluwer’s Health business. In a sense, the new partnership with Wolters Kluwer is a coming home of sorts for our Journal. The Senior Editors, the leadership of The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons®, and I are delighted to resume this partnership, as Wolters Kluwer is the only major publisher that specializes in the medical, nursing, and allied-health market. We are proud to be published by a company that also is listed among the 100 “Most Sustainable Corporations in the World” [1]. More immediately, Wolters Kluwer

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On the farewell side, as 2017 came to a close, so did a 10-year publishing relationship with the global publishing giant, Springer. *CORR* enjoyed a decade of extraordinary growth in partnership with Springer, including:

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- A 700% increase in individuals who see *CORR*’s monthly electronic table of contents; this number now approaches 55,000.
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- A more-than-twofold increase in Impact Factor, to 3.897 (placing *CORR* second among some two dozen general-interest orthopaedic journals).

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Hail and farewell. The page turns.

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