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Science is a common language, a universal truth. Our century of communication has expanded the rapid dissemination of knowledge and experience to parts previously considered distant or unreachable. Latin America is a tree composed of a diversity of cultures sharing common roots.

Evidence-based medicine in our twenty-first century represents an international union of surgeon-investigators motivated by a restless spirit of scientific thought and inspired by real-time communication. Arthroscopic and minimally invasive surgery, and orthopaedic sports medicine, is now performed routinely and with outcomes that equal our international peers. The bountiful Internet encourages a new generation of orthopaedic investigators to meld time-honoured techniques with cutting-edge procedures, quickly advancing from the experimental to the state of the art.

Joint replacement arthroplasty, knee and shoulder reconstruction, and small bone and joint and soft-tissue

procedures achieve standards equalling any field of surgery or medicine. Genetic medicine is moving from the laboratory to the clinic, and with our historical understanding of morphogenic proteins, orthopaedists lead the way. Our ocean of possibilities, today, seems infinitely vast.

New horizons are the realm of orthopaedic surgeons from Ibero-Latin America, and the technology and new ideas that emerge from our midst will certainly contribute to the revolution that ultimately will result in the continued and improving well-being of patients.

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May we be always inspired to consider new answers to old questions.