From the Editor-in-Chief

In 2014 the second issue of *Clinical Cases in Mineral and Bone Metabolism (CCMBM)* is presenting a unique collection of articles in the area of orthopaedics and bone metabolism. You will find in this issue of *CCMBM* five reviews, five original articles and five case reports and the number of submissions is increasing, keeping the editorial office very busy. This is the proof of the success of the Journal and of its attractiveness.

The reviews treat areas of great interest in the field of orthopaedic and bone metabolic sciences, with a special attention to secondary osteoporoses. Anna Maccabruni and Coll. describe the bone disease that complicates HCV infection in children and adolescents. Antonio Capone, actual President of the OrtoMed Society, describes the role of the orthopaedic surgeon in the selection of the best pharmacological treatment in patients affected by fragility fractures. Alberto Migliore and Umberto Massafra make an effort to recognize signs and symptoms useful to the early diagnosis of osteoarthritis. Finally, Angelamaria Becorpi and Coll. and Delia Sprini and Coll. analyze the pathogenetic bases of osteoporosis in patients affected respectively by mammary cancer and cardiovascular diseases.

The five original articles are focused on the pharmacological treatment of osteoporotic patients. A very interesting report by Raffaella Michieli and Anna Maria Carraro describes the use of the FRAX risk card by the Italian general practitioners, an area very hot in Italy at the moment. Stefano Coaccioli and Coll. analyze the adherence to a novel form of soluble alendronate in a study carried out in an Italian population. In another study by Delia Sprini and Coll. the molecular lymphocytic response of osteoporotic patients under treatment with bisphosphonates is reported. Chiara Topini and Coll. and Colin G. Murphy and Coll. analyze the bone consequences respectively in post-acute rehabilitation and in elderly scooter users.

Finally, the five case reports describe pregnancy associated osteoporosis and fragility fractures, defects in vitamin D metabolism and its management, and post-surgical and stress femur fractures.

The aforementioned papers indicate the scientific growth of the Journal, whose mission is to update the knowledge of the important questions in the area of bone and mineral metabolism applied to orthopaedics.

As always *CCMBM* takes only responsibility for the editorial content and peer-review. This is a fertile moment for metabolic/orthopaedic science and *CCMBM* is capitalizing this excitement. Do not hesitate to send any comments and suggestions about the Journal to the Editor-in-Chief.

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