On the Occasion of the Publication of the English Version of “*Hip & Pelvis*”

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The Journal of the Korean Hip Society was first published in 1989 and it has been a quarterly publication since the year 2000. In 2010, the journal was added to the list of journals of the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF), subsequent to which the title of the journal was changed to “*Hip & Pelvis*” in 2012. To date, 26 volumes of the journal have been published. Starting with the second issue of volume 26, the contents of all the journal’s articles will be published in English, an event which is to be considered a rebirth of the journal, we believe. Although it has already been approved by a meeting of the editorial board as well as by the advisory council of the Korean Hip Society, we would like to give an explanation of the significance and objectives regarding our decisions for the benefit of all society members.

Many domestic medical journals are already being published in English as this is regarded as an effective way in which to raise the status of Korean advanced medical sciences. In addition, multiple institutions as well as universities perform their performance evaluations by using both the quality and quantity of scientific publications. For this purpose they utilize the list of journals of the Science Citation Index Expanded

[SCI (E)] of Thomson Reuters as an appraisal objective, leading many Korean journals to opt for publication in English to advance their intention to be included on the SCI (E) list. At the same time, however it is noteworthy to understand that there are practical difficulties associated with managing a journal written in English, especially in a non-English-speaking region such as the Far East. Geopolitically speaking, the Republic of Korea is located between China, a country of increasing scientific significance, and Japan which is already known for their advanced science. This makes it difficult for Korea to attain a leading position in regards to the internationalization of journals. However, “*Hip & Pelvis*”, the official journal of the Korean Hip Society could be one of the representative journals in the Far East and even in Asia by virtue of becoming the English publication in the field of hip studies in the Republic of Korea that is actively pursuing internationalization.

The journal “*Hip & Pelvis*” is highly specialized and dedicated to the field thus it possesses the potential to be a leading journal; the European journal named “*Hip International*” is the only other journal that focuses on the same field. Globally, the number of cases involving reconstruction of joints including the hip is rapidly increasing. This growing interest is obvious given the significant growth observed for the publication, “*Journal of Arthroplasty*”; thus, the initiative to publish the journal in English is considered to be a great opportunity for our journal as well as for the Society.

We are hoping that “*Hip & Pelvis*” will be stepped up and regarded as an international journal. In order to pursue this objective of ours, some changes in the journal’s identity are proposed. To be specific, the title and contents of the journal should be published in English. Further, we need an international editorial board

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and an advanced peer-review system in order to be considered an esteemed representative journal not only of the Korean Hip Society, but also of the Far East and Asia. These changes have already been made to some degree but need to be supplemented and further developed.

On the other hand, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to Yoon Je Cho (editor-in-chief), Seung-Jae Lim (managing editor), Seung-Beom Han (general affairs for the society), the editorial board, and reviewers for their hard work and endeavors towards transforming the journal into an English language publication.

It is expected to take a reasonable period of time for the publication to become established in English, thus it

requires the active participation of society members to achieve improvements in both the quality and distribution of the journal. By doing so, the journal, “*Hip & Pelvis*”, will be indexed in PubMed of the US National Library of Medicine and SCOPUS of Elsevier, and then eventually included in the list of the SCI (E).

We are looking forward to your support and active participation in the journal in order to achieve our goal in the near future.

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