

Newsletter SICOT-J



Dear SICOT Members,

As the year 2021 is drawing to a close, we would like to share with you a few news stories so as to bring you up-to-date with the work every one has been doing over the last few months for the journal. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

1 Editorial Board news

This year started strong with the appointment of Dr. Andreas F. Mavrogenis (Athens, Greece) as *SICOT-J*'s **new co-Editor-in-Chief**. Andreas replaced Dr. Hatem Galal Said (Assiut, Egypt), who tirelessly served the journal since 2015, being one of *SICOT-J*'s founding Editors - together with Prof. Jacques H. Caton (Lyon, France) and Prof. Jochen Eulert (Würzburg, Germany).

A significant part of the first quarter of 2021 was spent on **renewing the Editorial Board** in order to build an operational team made of active, world-known experts willing to support *SICOT-J* and its Editors-in-Chief. The structure of the Editorial Board was also reviewed so as to capitalize on everyone's knowledge and status in the community. This timely work was much needed to help *SICOT-J*'s efforts to grow in visibility, prestige and impact.

You may have noticed that Andreas has already published several **Editorials** over the last few months, including a joint **Editorial** with Jacques (and Isabelle Auffret-Babak) looking to help authors prepare their article for *SICOT-J*.



We were delighted to learn that the highly-distinguished title of “**Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour**” (“Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur au grade de Chevalier”) was bestowed upon Jacques this Summer in recognition of 50 years of service to Orthopaedics and Traumatology surgery, and his role as spokesperson for the specialty in France.



2 Work with the SICOT

To recognise our affiliation with the SICOT, as their sole fully Open Access journal, a **Two-Tier Pricing system** was introduced at the start of the year to reward SICOT members with a discount on their Article Processing Charge. This year, to date, a third of our accepted authors are members of the SICOT and a **fair proportion of these authors** have become members after submitting an article to *SICOT-J*.

Following an introduction by Jacques, we are working more and more closely with the **SICOT headquarter's** colleagues to inform them of our activities. It is very comforting to see that *SICOT-J* is mentioned more and more frequently on the SICOT website and in the SICOT's e-newsletters. Thank you to the Colleagues at the SICOT headquarters for your great support !

Our **SICOT Education Academy Collection** is gaining momentum with the recent acceptance of 3 review articles. It is anticipated to build up a healthy collection of peer reviewed works over the next 12 months.

Both Jacques (onsite) and Andreas (remotely) attended this year's **SICOT World Congress in Bu-**

dapest. Our journal's team is hoping to attend the Congress next year in person in order to meet you and your colleagues there next year if this is possible.



3 Publishing quality content and Indexation work

As you know, our aim is to get *SICOT-J* recognized as a key publication in its field. We have been working extensively on this objective and this year the journal has reached a few milestones...



We were awarded the **DOAJ Seal** which “is awarded to journals that demonstrate best practice in **open access** publishing”. Only around 10 percent of journals indexed in the DOAJ are awarded the DOAJ Seal. The **Scopus** database completed their indexation work of *SICOT-J* including all our content since the launch of the journal and, as a result, our first CiteScore was issued mid-year.

'Behind-the-scenes', we updated our **Instructions for Authors** with new compulsory sections to be completed or inserted within article submissions so as to comply with the most stringent databases. We have also upgraded the post acceptance editing service that we (our typesetters) provide to authors for which English is not the native language.

SICOT-J appeared for the first time in the **Journal Citation Reports (JCR)™** and received its first **Journal Citation Indicator**, which is a new metric introduced by Clarivate in 2021 and which measures the citation impact of a journal's recent publications

over three years. For *SICOT-J*, the Journal Citation Indicator shows a particularly promising result as it ranks 56 out of 117 journals in the Orthopaedics category comparing favourably with more established titles.

We are now preparing an application for indexation in Medline...

4 Marketing activity

At EDP Sciences, we collaborate with **Science-POD**, which is a communication agency employing expert journalists, who can prepare Press Releases which are later shared with various media agencies. Earlier this year, we prepared a key summary on **Motorcycle crashes and upper extremity trauma** by Erin Cravez, Kelsey A. Rankin, Nathaniel Ondeck, Lee Yaari, Michael Leslie, Carrie Swigart and Daniel H. Wiznia, a US-Israelian collaboration. This work was shared with **AlphaGalileo** (7000+ users) and the article was downloaded more than 700 times on our website.

Throughout the year we have received some marketing support with all key announcements described above. Our Marketing and Communications Manager colleague, Maria Campbell, is also there to prepare ad-hoc **SICOT-J Marketing material** (i.e. leaflets, posters, delegate pack flyers...) to be used at Orthopaedic surgery and Traumatology conferences.

Call for Actions:

A Plea : 1) Call for Twitter volunteers: We need your help with our **Twitter account**. We have 150 followers to date so far, but believe there is a much greater potential for growing this base. Experience tells that having some support from one or two members of the community usually helps. If you have a vested interest in communication and social networks, we would like to hear from you. Please email us at: editors@sicot-j.org. We will provide some support and propose to create a small working group to 'meet up' on a regular basis.

2) Follow us on Twitter ! If you have not yet done so, please supply us with your Twitter Handle (or follow [@sicot-j](https://twitter.com/sicot-j)) so that we grow our base of followers and you can participate to mutually diffuse your and our messages to the wider community.

The SICOT-J Team

Whom should I contact in order to get a response to my question :

- **Jacques Caton** and **Andreas Mavrogenis**, Editors-in-Chief: to study your proposals for Editorial Development, for queries relevant to *SICOT-J*'s submitted/published content, our APC pricing, the relationship with the SICOT, etc...
- **Sylvia Hales**, Editorial Office: for all enquiries relevant to articles from submission to acceptance
- **Zala Ngita**, Production Editor: for all enquiries relevant to articles from acceptance to publication
- **Maria Campbell**, Marketing and Communications Manager: for all promotional activities
- **Isabelle Auffret-Babak**, Senior Publisher: for queries relevant to Editorial Development and Publishing rules (including copyright, ethical issues, Improvements to be made to Editorial Manager, Implementations of new functionalities, etc...).