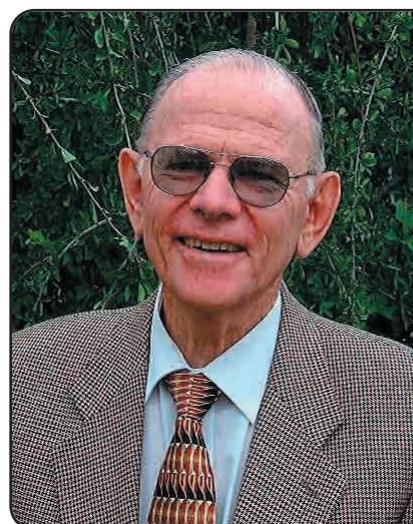

EDITORIAL

We are proud of the new look of the *South African Orthopaedic Journal*. This is indeed a step in the right direction after seven years of hard work from scratch in August 2002. During this period, four presidents, namely Prof Anton Scheepers, Dr Lou van Wyk, Dr Poen Louw and Dr Dick van der Jagt very effectively managed the needs of the *South African Orthopaedic Journal*.

Our Journal is peer-reviewed and accredited with the Department of Education, which means, among other things, that subsidies are paid to academic departments for all articles published. We are proud of the quality of the articles published over the last seven years. We do, however, badly need **more** articles for every edition. This will enable us to cover a wider spectrum of pathology and increase the number of orthopaedic surgeons who will look forward to reading the *South African Orthopaedic Journal*.

In fact, 2009 is a very important year for our Journal. We have reached the stage where we have to make a serious attempt to be indexed by Medline so that we may enjoy international recognition. In order to achieve this we are dependent on all orthopaedic surgeons who subscribe to the *South African Orthopaedic Journal* to help us achieve our goal.

In short, we need to have a **sufficient number** of articles to produce a journal of high quality. We believe we have enough orthopaedic surgeons in this country, both in the private and academic sector, who have the ability to write sound articles and we appeal to you to do so.



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