CCJR – a learning continuum

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the readership of *The Bone & Joint Journal* (BJJ) to this fourth annual Supplement which contains hip and knee reconstruction contributions from the 31st Annual Current Concepts in Joint Replacement® (CCJR) – Winter meeting held in Orlando, Florida, United States, as well as the inaugural Latin American CCJR – The Journey Continues meeting held in Iguassu Falls, Brazil with the support of the Brazilian Orthopaedics and Traumatology Society (SBOT), the Brazilian Knee Society (SBCJ), the Brazilian Hip Society (SBQ), the Brazilian Association for the Study of Infections and Osteoarticular Implants (AsBIO) and the Latin American Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (SLAOT).

CCJR’s unique educational meeting format has contributed to the hip and knee arthroplasty education of thousands of orthopaedic surgeons around the world over the last 32 years and these supplements serve as enduring written extensions of this continuing medical education activity. Its intent is to make aspects of the meetings’ commentaries available to the journal’s global readership.

All papers have been peer reviewed by both members of the BJJ and CCJR Editorial Advisory Boards. In this fourth supplement, you will find commentaries related to topical practice issues of our day encompassing primary and revision hip and knee arthroplasty outcomes as well as surgical approaches, bearing material selection, fixation options, bone deficiency, joint instability, trauma, infection and patient management.

The meeting itself employs learning methodologies inclusive of clinical papers, debates, surgical techniques and discussions focusing on challenging cases where arthroplasty is an advocated solution, as well as faculty discussions of papers presented at recent international meetings. This supplement contains 27 paper selections drawing from these formats. It is hoped that this stylised approach will assist appreciation of a still very much evolving discipline.

No undertaking of this magnitude occurs in a vacuum or reflects the effort of a single person. It is without doubt that this supplement owes its creation to the dedication exhibited by Christine S. Heim and Karen L. Lizanich of CCJR, as well as the timely reviews of the BJJ and CCJR Editorial Advisory Boards. Both Fares Haddad, Editor-in-Chief, and Peter Richardson, Managing Director, of the BJJ are thanked for their continued support.

Lastly, it is my hope that the reader will gain from the clinical and surgical experiences of the authors whose further dedication to continuing orthopaedic education is reflected on these pages and sets a tone for enduring learning in our discipline.

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