

## Letter from the Chairman

Welcome to the University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal. As the official annual publication of the Department on Orthopaedic Surgery at Penn, this journal has always highlighted our diverse basic science and clinical interests. As time has passed, however, it has evolved into a more sophisticated venue and now joins the other peer reviewed publications whose role it is to foster and report on advances in our field.

Unlike most journals, which have a compensated full time staff, the UPOJ changes editors on a yearly basis and is primarily the product of our resident staff. Despite this, a continuity of focus is apparent in the continued striving for excellence in content and form. The current format and its subject diversity are hard to match and the quality of the articles appearing is beyond that of most institutional publications.

All in all, we as a department are very proud of this product and the considerable effort it represents. We would like to thank all of the contributors for their cooperation and the editorial staff for their dedication and diligence. Finally, it is appropriate and essential that we acknowledge our commercial sponsors without whose support this publication would not be possible.

I hope that all who read this edition of the UPOJ enjoy it as much as I have.

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