

Letter from the Editors-in-Chief

Dear *UPOJ* Readers:

University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal is a resident run annual publication whose goal is to provide high quality peer-reviewed articles. It is the journal's fourth issue since its re-organization with Volume 10. The journal provides a multidisciplinary approach to musculoskeletal disorders. It continues to encourage a diverse author pool, and we have several contributions this year from departments outside of orthopaedics that care for the musculoskeletal system. In addition, we have once again been very successful at obtaining submissions from institutions outside of the University of Pennsylvania.

As you well know, this journal is fully resident run and financially independent from the Department with funding from advertisers and contributors. We are grateful for their generous donations. Without their gift, it would not be possible to fund this project.

With every issue, changes are made to the journal. This year, a significant addition to the journal was the Resident Research Award. This award is granted annually for the best original science manuscript submitted by a resident, as judged by a panel of reviewers. The award will include a \$2,000 educational stipend to the winner, for meeting travel or other educational expenses. This year's winner was Dr. Craig Della Valle, from the Hospital for Joint Diseases. His

article, "Potential Genetic Markers Predictive of Postoperative Thromboembolism Complicating Total Hip and Knee Arthroplasty" was an excellent submission, and begins an annual tradition of commendation for resident research.

The journal seeks to continually increase its distribution and recognition. The journal is distributed to a large number of orthopaedic surgeons and University of Pennsylvania alumni. In addition, it is sent to all orthopaedic departments in the country. *UPOJ* is also accessible through the Internet at <http://www.med.upenn.edu/ortho/oj/>. In the near future, we hope to apply for reference in *Index Medicus*. We are proud of our journal and we are continuously striving to improve.

In closing, the editors would like to thank authors, reviewers, and the editorial staff. The production of the *University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal* is the result of the tireless devotion of the residents. It is the residents' perseverance, creativity and dedication that allow our journal to exist and evolve. This team of residents hopes the readers of the journal find this issue instructional and enjoyable.

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