

AAOT 1936–2026. 90 Years to Commemorate Our Achievements and Plan for the Future

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It is an immense honor to assume the presidency of our Association, a role that entails great responsibility.

From the very first day I began working within our Association, I did so with deep satisfaction and enthusiasm. I have always felt that attending the AAOT was like going to a club where we gathered to work for the common good and learn from one another, exchanging knowledge and experience in both clinical practice and academic teaching within our specialty.

Nearly 35 years have passed, and I still feel the same way every time I participate in the various activities carried out by our institution.

My first involvement was as Editorial Secretary to Dr. Franklin Merlo, proofreading the galley proofs of the AAOT Journal. I know and deeply appreciate the tremendous work performed by everyone who serves on the Editorial Committee of this Journal, which makes it an honor for me to write this editorial today.

Our Association was founded in 1936; therefore, in 2026, it will celebrate 90 years of existence. It will truly be a year to celebrate, to honor the accomplishments of our predecessors, and to reflect on our future.

The AAOT develops extensive educational activities and serves as a benchmark for Latin America and beyond. It does so through its Committees, such as the Medical Education Committee, the Certifications and Service Accreditation Committee, and the Surgical Skills Center, which continues to grow year after year with its outstanding hands-on courses.

We will continue along this path, encouraging and investing in the continuous education of our members. Likewise, we will continue striving to extend our educational offerings beyond our borders, building upon previous collaborative experiences with Uruguay.

We are also committed to maintaining the prudent and responsible financial management of our members' funds established by recent Executive Committees.

We will continue reorganizing the work of the various Committees to avoid overlapping activities, optimize resources, and promote remote activities whenever feasible.

We will maintain strong support for the *Agremiación Argentina de Ortopedia y Traumatología (Argentine Guild of Orthopedics and Traumatology)*, which has carried out important work since its founding in advocating for fair professional fees consistent with training and responsibility, while also working in collaboration with regional associations — always keeping the patient as the central priority of our profession.

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We believe this represents the future of the AAOT and will also contribute to maintaining financial balance. We invite you to learn more about its activities and benefits.

In 2026, the following activities will take place:

- Eight regular scientific sessions, inviting societies from the different subspecialties, during which candidates for Full Membership — the highest membership category, granting access to leadership roles within the Association — will present their work. We will continue encouraging young physicians to pursue this distinction and actively participate in AAOT activities.
- Six extraordinary scientific sessions to be held across the country (Paraná, Córdoba, Junín, Tucumán, and Rosario), as well as one session within the framework of the Patagonian Congress, which will take place in the city of Esquel.

This year, we have formed a strong leadership team composed of members from various subspecialties and regions of the country (Mar del Plata, Junín, Córdoba, Concepción del Uruguay, Tucumán, Corrientes, Comodoro Rivadavia, and Santa Fe), reaffirming our commitment to a truly federal AAOT.

I invite you all to join us in this endeavor. Ours will be an AAOT with open doors.

I promise to dedicate my full effort to this responsibility.

I hope that, at the end of my term, I will be able to say that our work has contributed positively to the continued growth of our Association.