

Strengthened in Adversity

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We continue in a national situation of restrictions and uncertainty. However, far from lowering our arms and getting used to the confinement and distancing, the previous commissions and the one I will chair over this year have tried to reinvent ourselves by adapting to the needs imposed on us by the pandemic, and we feel strong and united.

We began this administration with the desire and will to provide all our effort to meet the highest expectations of all members of our scientific community, with special emphasis on the new generations, present, and future of our beloved profession, by continuing and reinforcing the lines drawn by those who preceded us and covering the various aspects of professional practice.

We are aware that the task is arduous and we will have to face difficulties and setbacks, but we will double our efforts to achieve the proposed objectives with the firm vocation of serving our fellows with a federal and democratic identity.

Within the possibilities that the epidemiological situation allows us and with the premise of protecting all our staff and fellows, we will try to resume face-to-face activities in all aspects before confinement.

We will take advantage of the summer break to restore the deterioration suffered by our headquarters in these almost 2 years of closure, and try to return it to its maximum splendor.

We will emphasize the academic-educational task above all by stimulating the participation of young people in training.

Among our projects are the internships that we will offer to young physicians so that they can visit services of recognized prestige throughout the national territory.

We are also organizing cadaveric courses of instruction with the same objective: to achieve technical and theoretical knowledge through surgical practices conducted by expert surgeons.

We will promote a varied program of upgrading courses at the Surgical Skills Center.

We have invited all the member Associations to develop joint educational activities broadcast live, which we call *Master Classes*.

We will promote the dissemination of our Triennial course with the firm purpose of becoming educational leaders in all the countries of our continent.

Likewise, we will support the recently created Labor Union, defending working, contractual, and wage rights and conditions.

We have the firm intention of implementing the *NUN* (national fee schedule) throughout the national territory. It is imperative to include fee discussions in both public and private healthcare, ceasing to be mere spectators of negotiations that are carried out between other actors without our participation.

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We believe that ethical behavior is fundamental for good performance and institutional hierarchy and we are aware of the responsibility that concerns us as administrators in the judicious and austere management of its patrimony.

We will continue to support the valuable activity of all committees and subcommittees with the firm conviction that they are fundamental drivers for the functioning of the AAOT and models for the training of our future leaders.

We reaffirm the importance of the recently created and permanently growing Women's Subcommittee and Media Committee, which show the *aggiornamento* and sustained evolution of the AAOT.

We will continue to consolidate our institutional prestige, both nationally and internationally, strengthening and generating new ties with other related associations.

The AAOT journal must be a relevant ambassador at a global level to show all the good that is done in our country. Behind each issue published there is a working group striving to always provide the best. Let us support that work and continue trusting and publishing in our journal.

This management will always be available and ready for thoughtful and constructive dialogue, and to welcome those who wish to express their concerns and well-intentioned projects.

Finally, I would like to express that, although a year is a limited time, it can become, if we so propose, the best personal and professional year for us, and therefore, for the AAOT.

I greet you with affection and ask you to join us with the same enthusiasm, effort, and commitment that all the members of the 2022 Board of Directors have assumed.