

# To the membership of the AAOT

Dear colleagues and friends,

I feel tremendously honoured and very privileged by now addressing you by means of our Journal as President of our Association.

It represents the beginning of a time of extreme dedication to the task of spreading medical knowledge, providing our colleagues with better professional conditions, and thus multiplying our effort to try to help those in need.

Our Association is going through transitional times, typical of human beings who are faced with crisis—they either overcome them or succumb to them.

I want to let everybody know about my high esteem for those who came before, because they have bequeathed us an Association with rich history, updated educational activity and clear goals not only in its statutory body but also in its membership's will.

The best way of paying homage to our Association will be by carrying out actions for the preservation of Institutional Assets, which are not precisely real estate but rich human resources in our institution.

We are the fruit of the action of our masters, who we acknowledge; the understanding of our families, who we thank; and the continuous efforts of our peers, who we ask for company in this administration.

The guiding principles in this new period will be:

1. To improve our resident's training.
2. To increase the number of our permanent members.
3. To favour relationships with Host Societies.
4. To encourage action in the provinces.
5. To help members in CABA improve professional circumstances.

To this end I count on the invaluable company of the Board of Directors' membership and our Association Staff.

You will all realize that these are ambitious goals we will attain only by future Boards of Directors continuing our work, fruit of consensus and negotiation.

I take our membership for granted, believing they will participate in this common enterprise and will work for our Association, and thank them all in advance for their valuable assistance.

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