

# 30 years of a successful path

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Shoulder and elbow surgery underwent rapid evolution in the 1960s and 1970s worldwide, especially due to the development of rotator cuff arthroplasty and repair techniques. Iconic names such as **Mac Laughlin, Nevasier, Neer, Bateman, Rowe, De Palma, Cofield, Rockwood, De Anquin, Patte, Bristow, Latarjet, Nobuhara, Randelli, Gschwend, Bailey, Kessel**, among others, described techniques, established principles, and shaped the new orthopedic specialty at a time of rapidly increasing average life expectancy around the world.

The immediate consequence of this scientific and technological advance was the formation of numerous national and continental societies for the exclusive study of shoulder and elbow surgery in the 1980s and 1990s. The creation of the **Asociación Argentina de Cirugía de Hombro y Codo (AAHYC) [Argentine Association of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery]** in 1992 was an extraordinary milestone that occurred in the same year as the creation of the **International Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery (JSES)**, and the establishment of the **International Board of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery (IBSES)**, both led by Charles Neer.

The 35 founding members have multiplied and today there are 220 distributed in all corners of Argentina. The gradual and structured growth of the AAHYC was stimulated by the personal efforts of its presidents: **De Anquin E., Firpo, Varaona O., Allende, De Anquin A., Lafrenz, Piqué, Raffa, Gorosito, Maignon, Gosak, Moya, Vaineras, Oettinger, Lencina, Salamone, Gómez, Varaona J., Ranalletta, Patiño, Vila, Simone and Alfano**. To these presidents, my congratulations on the mission.

The performances of **Daniel Moya and Emilse Pérez** at the AAHYC, however, deserve everyone's attention, applause and recognition. These personal friends live the day-to-day life of the society in an unusual way and they are true ambassadors of the AAHYC's actions in Argentina and abroad, making it one of the most active in the world.

On behalf of IBSES, which keeps alive **Kessel's dream** in which the world of shoulder and elbow surgery could grow in harmony and teach and learn from each other through a world congress every three years, as it was done in Buenos Aires, in 2019 through the 14<sup>th</sup> ICSES/6<sup>th</sup> ICSET, **congratulations to all the shoulder and elbow surgeons in Argentina**.

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