

SAMeCiPP: Past, Present and Future of a Pioneering Subspecialization Society

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SAMeCiPP [Argentine Society for Foot and Leg Medicine and Surgery] was founded in 1969 by a group of notable national orthopedic figures, including Orlando B. Natiello, Pascual Amato, and Alfredo Kohn Tebner, among others. It was a pioneer among AAOT's guest societies by bringing together the first group of specialists with the goal of advancing the growth of leg, ankle, and foot surgery through teaching, discussion, and opinion exchange.

More than 50 years have passed, and the advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases affecting this region are immense. Some examples include advances in anesthetic procedures thanks to peripheral blocks, improved understanding of the biomechanics and physiopathogenesis of numerous diseases, the description of more powerful and precise deformity correction techniques, and the development of new approaches and anatomical implants for fracture fixation. Similarly, the ongoing development of minimally invasive surgery, arthroplasty, and sports injury reconstructions, among other recent accomplishments, has revolutionized our subspecialty, making it dynamic, diverse, and stimulating.

In this scenario, which is becoming increasingly complex for the orthopedic surgeon's everyday practice, medical education promoted and sustained by SAMeCiPP is a fundamental pillar. For decades, it has continued to support the training of its 390 current active members through its annual Congress, which will be in its 25th edition next April, and by supporting activities of all types across the country. Similarly, it oversees the training programs of new subspecialists and promotes the work of experienced surgeons. The ultimate goal is not only to keep our country at the forefront of scientific and technical advances, but also to ensure that numerous patients continue to receive outstanding care for the treatment of their ailments.

Within these multiple actions, the promotion of scientific publications plays a key role. The opportunity to collaborate with the AAOT on this special issue of its journal, which includes clinical research contributions from our members, allows us to continue fostering the interchange of ideas, debate, and controversy, which are critical drivers of progress in our discipline.

On behalf of the SAMeCiPP board of directors, we wish to thank the Editorial Committee for their encouragement, collaboration, and support in reaching this goal, and we ask our members to continue contributing to future issues.

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