

Our Challenge for 2025

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Dear colleagues, members of the AAOT community,

We assume this new stage at the helm of the Argentine Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology (AAOT) with great enthusiasm and a firm commitment to strengthening our institution as a benchmark in education, innovation, and professional representation. Our efforts will focus on three fundamental pillars: **continuing education, union strengthening, and national integration.**

Continuing Education: Adapting to the Present, Projecting into the Future

Medical education lies at the heart of our association. In this regard:

- We will continue holding **virtual Ordinary Scientific Sessions**, enabling active participation from colleagues across all regions.
- We will organize **Extraordinary Scientific Sessions** in various provinces, including Salta, Corrientes, Córdoba, Santa Fe, and Chubut, bringing national experts closer to colleagues in different parts of the country.
- We will launch a virtual International Orthopedics and Traumatology **Update Course**, featuring Spanish-speaking specialists, further establishing AAOT as a regional hub of knowledge.
- We will explore **artificial intelligence** as a key tool in medical education, ensuring we remain at the forefront of technological advancements.

Union Strengthening: Improving Working Conditions

Collaboration is essential to improving the working conditions and salaries of our colleagues. We will work closely with the **Argentine Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology**, FAAOTEP, the Regional Associations, and SUTYO to achieve effective professional representation through a united effort.

National Integration: Promoting Equitable Access

Recognizing the need to decentralize our activities and ensure accessibility, we will:

- Reinstate **certification exams** in regional locations in collaboration with CEMC, ensuring equal opportunities for all members.
- Promote in-person activities, such as **hands-on courses with anatomical specimens**, reinforcing the importance of face-to-face interaction for technical and scientific learning.
- Offer **theoretical and practical courses** in different regions of the country.

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Institutional Growth: Looking to the Future

The evolution of AAOT requires us to rethink the use of our headquarters, taking into account virtual platforms and new educational formats. This will be a priority discussion in upcoming assemblies as we seek solutions that best serve our members.

Commitment to Academic Excellence

We will support the AAOT Journal's Editorial Committee in its ambitious goal of achieving **PubMed indexing**—an achievement that would enhance the academic impact of our scientific contributions. We encourage all colleagues to **publish in our journal**.

Acknowledgements and a Call to Action

This project can only succeed with the commitment of every AAOT member. I invite you to actively participate in our initiatives, contribute your ideas, and work together to build a stronger and more relevant association. To conclude, I would like to echo the words of John F. Kennedy: Ask not what the AAOT can do for you, but what you can do for the orthopedic community.

I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in this administration and am confident that, together, we will successfully navigate the challenges ahead.

With gratitude and determination,