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Thirty years ago, the Latin American Shoulder and Elbow Society (SLAHOC) was founded with a clear purpose: to promote excellence in research, education, and patient care while fostering collegiality among surgeons throughout the region. Three decades on, we remain steadfast in our pillars of integrity, collaboration, and innovation, always grounded in ethics and free from personal or commercial interests.

SLAHOC's strength lies in its continental network of societies and national chapters united by a shared banner and common vision. This integration has enabled multicenter projects, the open exchange of knowledge, and mentoring networks that elevate surgical practice across countries. We invite research groups to leverage this network to generate new collaborative, prospective studies that strengthen Latin American clinical evidence. SLAHOC will continue to build the institutional and academic bridges that make this possible.

With the XXVIII SLAHOC Congress (Cartagena de Indias, October 1–4, 2025) just weeks away, this special issue presents reviews and clinical experiences that reflect the vigor of our community. We are confident that the discussions in Cartagena will spark alliances that translate into high-impact projects.

That same vitality is reflected in the pages before you. This special volume brings together original articles, reviews, and clinical experiences that showcase the best of Latin American scholarship in shoulder and elbow surgery. Each contribution has been carefully selected to inform, challenge, and enrich daily practice.

As President of SLAHOC, I encourage you to immerse yourself in this issue, share it with your teams, and let the ideas within inspire you. Reading, debating, and applying this knowledge is one of the most direct ways to improve our patients' lives and keep the flame of innovation burning in our specialty.

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