EDITORIAL

Hands Across the Sea

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In 1899, the American music composer, John Philip Sousa, composed a stirring military march entitled "Hands Across the Sea" in dedication to all of America's allied countries abroad. When asked as to what inspired him, Sousa was quoted as saying "A sudden thought strikes me, let us swear eternal friendship"

Perhaps we can look at the inauguration of the Archives of Bone and Joint Surgery, founded by our Iranian colleagues, in a similar light as it will recognize and foster the dissemination of knowledge in our specialty reaffirming the global Orthopaedic community.

I had the great pleasure of hosting the Journal's editor-in-chief Dr Mohammad Hossein Ebrahimzadeh as a visiting scholar in our Hand and Upper Extremity Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, USA. I quickly became cognizant of the sophistication of the practice of Orhopaedic Surgery in Iran along with the many innovative techniques being developed by Dr. Ebrahimzadeh and colleagues.

We are fortunate that Orthopaedic surgeons "speak the same language", have our patients' interests in heart, and have as a surgical specialty unique dedication and professionalism with a great emphasis on learning.

I am very confident that this Journal will permit others to have a window into the advances being made by Iranian Orthopedic surgeons as well as providing a platform for others to contribute their own knowledge and ideas.

In a small way, this Journal will serve to continue efforts to expand our global Orthopedic Surgical community and serve to stimulate our political leaders to do likewise.

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