Wider horizons

During the last two years we have sought the opinions of you, the readers of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery [Br], in relation to how you wish to receive the clinical and basic science research material that informs your practice and what kind of papers are most useful. The message has been fairly simple. While retaining the basic format of our journal the material needs to be very easily accessible and searchable online for the latest advances both in general orthopaedics and within the specialties.

Under our new parent brand ‘Bone & Joint’ we have been extremely ambitious on your behalf and I highlight here some of the changes, which many of you have already noticed and responded to with enthusiasm.

At the end of January 2012 we launched the Bone & Joint portal online (www.boneandjoint.org.uk), a major new resource for the orthopaedic community. Bone & Joint has a state of the art search engine as well as a multimedia library and an enhanced calendar of events. Each month it hosts commentary from our international panel of clinical leads in each specialty.

The new open access journal Bone & Joint Research (BJR; www.bjr.boneandjoint.org.uk) edited by Professor Andy Carr, has received many submissions and the first papers were published in January 2012. This is clearly going to be of great interest to authors and readers. Research papers with a direct clinical application will continue to be published within the JBJS [Br], those with a primary basic science message are more suited to BJR.

Many of you wished for an occasional snapshot or global view, to report in summary a digest of the recent literature in each specialty from around the world. The first issue of Bone & Joint 360 edited by Mr Richard Villar, (www.bj360.boneandjoint.org.uk), was published in February 2012 and this is also clearly going to prove extremely popular.

The new name for JBJS [Br] will be The Bone & Joint Journal. This new title will take effect from January 2013 and has been chosen after detailed research and consultation with orthopaedic surgeons and researchers across the world. It reflects the widespread view that we should adopt a name that, while distinctive, is close to our 63 year heritage as JBJS [Br].

The JBJS [Br] will continue to develop and evolve. We recently launched a new website with a considerably improved layout allowing better navigation and presentation of articles and we now publish much more instructional review material.

The papers published within the journal and the reviewers available to us have become increasingly international during the last five years, and to reflect this we have expanded our Editorial Board to include members from the USA, Hong Kong, India and South America.

Thus in essence you have more material, which is more easily available; it is of higher quality and gleaned from the best work being undertaken in all clinical and research aspects of orthopaedic surgery, worldwide.

If you have any views on the journal or any of these issues, please let us know.

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