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Dear Readers,

The abstracts relative to the key note lectures, seminars, round tables, courses and free communications, given at the XXXVIII Argentine Congress of Orthopaedics and Traumatology held jointly with the II Italian-Argentine-Brazilian Congress, are being published in the present and successive issues of the *Journal of Orthopaedics and Traumatology*. The congress, held in Buenos Aires on 2-6 December 2001, was organized by the Italian, Argentine and Brazilian Societies of Orthopaedics and Traumatology.

Participation by Italian colleagues was strong despite the hesitation to travel after the “events” of 11 September 2001. Overall, Italian participants gave 14 lectures, 12 courses, 25 round tables, and numerous free communications, poster presentations and research forums. Italian participants were warmly welcomed by their Argentine and Brazilian colleagues, testimony to the strong friendship and cultural bonds that, for many years, have united the respective professional societies. Beyond the common scientific interests, we share with Argentine and Brazilian orthopedists a special heritage and affection, derived from the memory of the many Italians who emigrated to South America and who integrated fully into their new community.

The joint meeting was organized with the scope of promoting the exchange of ideas and techniques among orthopedic schools from the different countries, as well as to renew and fortify the relations between our countries that already can boast of common humanistic and scientific traditions.

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