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Orthopaedic publications and Lebanon at international scale

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Lebanon is open to the world as all the countries from the Middle East. Despite difficult economics and historical conditions the medical art goes on and the scientific and medical community grows. University and private hospitals carry on demanding procedures and quality work. Trauma was highly demanded during the last decades and the Lebanese orthopaedic trauma specialists won recognition and respect. Lebanon carries Mediterranean and European values and orthopaedic and trauma surgeons were always working together no matter their origins or beliefs. Patient care was the major priority.

I had the opportunity to work with Lebanese surgeons and their motivation is high! Prominent members of the Lebanese Orthopaedic Association were present in the SICOT and major International meetings in Europe, America and Asia, to show and discuss results, publish quality papers, bring the light of knowledge from their respected academic institutions. Names of major surgeons from Beirut and Lebanon are too many to cite and I would avoid citing one and forgetting others as everyone works and is motivated by patients care and outcomes. Discussions in the meetings are held in English or French and many foreign guests had the pleasure to participate in local and regional meetings. The French Language Orthopaedic Association (AOLF) met in Beirut in 2002 and it was a memorable and highly relevant congress that brought together many surgeons from all over the world.

The Journal of the Lebanese and Middle East Orthopaedic Association is affiliated with major international academic institutions and brings with each issue good papers and research. Lebanese representative surgeons are publishing also in North American and European journals but the local and regional journal is an important landmark for the surgeons in practice. I am respectful and happy to acknowledge this work! Congratulations dear colleagues! The light of science and humanity that you promote will prevail.

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