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With great pride, my colleagues and I from the European Knee Society (EKS) present our second proceedings issue in *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*®. The EKS seeks to advance knowledge of degenerative knee pathology and knee arthroplasty, create an environment to enhance education and research, and promote high professional standards as a way to provide the best care possible to patients with degenerative knee problems.

As a relatively young society—EKS was founded in 2015—we have experienced challenges as we have attempted to create a true European society, owing to

operational difficulties arising from many cultural differences across our diverse constituencies. But we believe that we are on the right track. Indeed, we are hopeful about our future because EKS now is the leading European society for the degenerative knee, with open meetings attended by hundreds of surgeons from all around the world, large demand for membership, and international collaborations with scientific societies at the highest level.

As the Guest Editor of these proceedings in *CORR*®, I'm in the privileged position of seeing what my colleagues are working on. Conspicuously absent, not just from these proceedings but also from our recent meetings, is original research on the subject of robotic-assisted TKA. I wondered why this might be, since robotics seems to be a front-of-mind innovation at the moment. I know my colleagues in the EKS well enough to know what most of them use in the operating room. My best estimate is that about one in five of them uses robotic assistance at least for some of their TKA procedures. And yet at our recent meetings, only a

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