Dear Colleagues,

I wish to thank each and every one of you for placing me on this prestigious pedestal of the President of SICOT. I respect your faith in me and will leave no stone unturned for the betterment of SICOT and its members.

Besides the many national and international organisations that I have led, it has been a memorable journey for me in SICOT from the grass roots - as a National Delegate, Education Committee Chair, Congress President, Vice President, Education Academy Chair and President Elect!

Hard work bore fruit in the revival of a defunct SICOT India as the most vibrant branch of SICOT with the highest membership. Organisation of the 2013 Orthopaedic World Congress at Hyderabad and many other activities like the SICOT Ortho Excellence Programme of webinars, Asia Pacific Regional Orthopaedic Conferences, the SICOT India Specialty Orthopaedic Review Courses, the SICOT road shows, cadaveric courses, newsletters, book publications and many others were highlights. As the Education Committee Chair, I cemented all the committees concerned with Education into the Education Academy which is the first and the most vibrant academy of SICOT. Last year we also held the first successful offsite SICOT Diploma Examination in Mumbai.

With the same zeal I will continue working and I have a vision for SICOT. The vision is Make SICOT stronger - Gear up for the next 100 years! Make SICOT stronger, both internally within the organisation, and externally in our relations between the different orthopaedic associations, the society and world at large. I am sure I will be ably supported by all of you, our national delegates, officers, our Head Office and all executives of SICOT. It cannot happen without your support.

I will be in touch with you periodically and would welcome your suggestions and advice towards this all endearing vision for SICOT. How can we make SICOT stronger internally - more responsive to its members and regions? How can we make SICOT stronger externally to have an impact on other national and international associations, on society and governments at large with a view to making the world a better place orthopaedically!

I am ready to toil hard, to put in sweat, blood and tears!! Will you join me to make SICOT the strongest international body in Orthopaedics and Traumatology?

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