



SICOT

Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie
International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology

Case study: Open Access journal launch

EDP Sciences and SICOT partner to deliver cutting-edge research within orthopaedics and traumatology

SICOT, *Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie*, is an international not-for-profit association that aims to promote advancement of the science and art of orthopaedics and traumatology at international level, in particular for the improvement of patient care, and to foster and develop teaching, research, and education.

A new journal to strengthen SICOT's mission

SICOT already publishes a well-established, high-impact subscription journal, *International Orthopaedics*. In order to further strengthen its mission of developing teaching, research, and education in the field, the Society wanted to innovate with a new journal that had an Open Access publishing model.

SICOT wanted to broaden the spectrum of high-quality articles that they published; the new journal was conceived as complimentary to *International Orthopaedics* and could potentially, pending peer-review, offer a home to articles which didn't fit the scope of the existing title. SICOT-J would provide an opportunity for the Society to experiment with new offerings to meet the changing needs of the academic community, for example, accepting additional formats not supported by the main journal.



The EDP Sciences approach

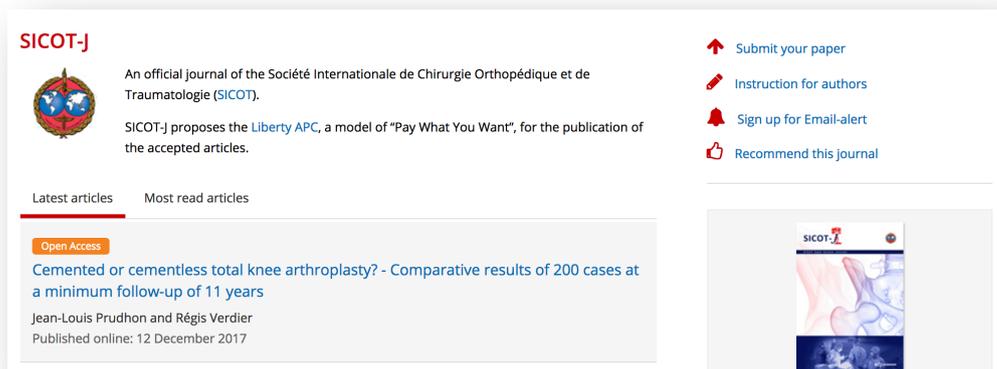
Prior to working with SICOT, EDP Sciences already had a long-standing commitment to Open Access publishing through many years of supporting partners with their offerings and initiatives, and through its own “EDP open” imprint.

As a publisher founded and driven by academic societies, EDP Sciences could offer the “best of both worlds” when launching this new journal: cutting-edge technology and systems, matching those found at the largest international publishing houses; and a flexible and tailored approach to working that ensures excellent communication, partner satisfaction, and projects delivered on time.

Launching SICOT-J

SICOT chose EDP Sciences as their preferred publishing partner and launched SICOT-J in 2015, waiving all APCs for the first year. In the Journal's second year EDP Sciences proposed the "Liberty APC model" where the author chooses their own fair price to publish their Open Access article. Liberty APCs were designed to enable all authors who have a requirement to publish Open Access to publish in a journal relevant to their research, regardless of access to funding. Since the Journal launched, it has seen positive uptake of this innovative model, and the number of authors who are choosing to pay for publication is currently sustainable enough to continue offering it as an option.

The excellent and enthusiastic editorial board of SICOT-J has already brought in a large number of submissions and continues working to ensure the journal is meeting the changing needs of the orthopaedics and traumatology community.



The screenshot displays the SICOT-J journal homepage. On the left, the SICOT-J logo is shown above the text: "An official journal of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie (SICOT). SICOT-J proposes the Liberty APC, a model of "Pay What You Want", for the publication of the accepted articles." Below this, there are tabs for "Latest articles" and "Most read articles". A featured article is highlighted with an "Open Access" tag: "Cemented or cementless total knee arthroplasty? - Comparative results of 200 cases at a minimum follow-up of 11 years" by Jean-Louis Prudhon and Régis Verdier, published online on 12 December 2017. On the right side, there are four navigation links: "Submit your paper", "Instruction for authors", "Sign up for Email-alert", and "Recommend this journal". At the bottom right, there is a small image of the journal cover.

Partnering with EDP Sciences

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