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International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies: A model for international collaboration to promote orthopaedic and musculoskeletal research



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Summary In October 2013, the International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies (ICORS; <http://i-cors.org>) was founded with inaugural member organisations from the previous Combined Orthopaedic Research Society, which had sponsored combined meetings for more than 2 decades. The ICORS is dedicated to the stimulation of orthopaedic and musculoskeletal research in fields such as biomedical engineering, biology, chemistry, and veterinary and human clinical research. The ICORS seeks to facilitate communication with member organisations to enhance international research collaborations and to promote the development of new international orthopaedic and musculoskeletal research organisations. Through new categories of membership, the ICORS represents the broadest coalition of orthopaedic research organisations globally.

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History of the Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies

In 1992, the first Combined Meeting of the Orthopaedic Research Societies was held in Banff, Alberta, Canada. The meeting was organised and held to promote collaboration among members of the orthopaedic research societies from around the globe. The founding member societies included the Canadian Orthopaedic Research Society (Canadian ORS), the European Orthopaedic Research Society (EORS), the Japanese Orthopaedic Association (JOA), and the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS).

In 2006, the founding member societies agreed to include additional organisations: the Australian and New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society (ANZORS), the British Orthopaedic Research Society (BORS), the Korean Orthopaedic Research Society (KORS), and the Taiwan Orthopaedic Research Society (TORS). All organisations joined the organising committee of the Combined Meeting and met at the 2007 Combined Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, which was hosted by the ORS. In 2011, the Chinese ORS was invited to join the organising committee. The Combined Meeting had now grown to a total of nine societies that included a broad representation of organisations from around the world [1].

Development of the International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies

At the ORS 2013 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, USA, the ORS hosted an international summit and invited many of its partner organisations to a strategic session devoted to discussions with regard to its international efforts, creating a

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