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*To my father and my mother, fragile and brave persons,
for their example of living (GM)*

*To my family, my Dad, my Mum and my wife. Thanks for
always helping and supporting me (AG)*

Dedicated to my four sons: Mar, Rocío, Angel and Alex (AC)

To my family, my co-workers and to the whole ESA team (RB)

Preface

In recent years, as an effect of technological innovation of surgical instruments and devices, and also the increasing number of surgical techniques being proposed and validated in the literature, we have seen a considerable expansion of the surgical options for the treatment of shoulder disorders. Furthermore, advancing globalisation, the growth of web-based scientific dissemination and education, and the constant and systematic training and information activities carried out by scientific societies and the research world have all contributed to an overall improvement in the level of theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of shoulder surgery, with the result that there is now very little difference, in terms of quality and surgical efficiency, between the health systems of different countries. All this has contributed to an exponential increase in the number of shoulder repair, reconstruction and replacement surgeries performed every year in the world. Inevitably, this has brought an increase in the number of failures and complications, which have also become more complex to manage, especially in patients with repeated failures. For this reason, the various scientific societies with an interest in shoulder disorders have recently become inclined to examine more closely the problem of shoulder surgery complications and failures, from different perspectives: prevention, diagnosis and management. In particular, European Shoulder Associates (ESA), the ESSKA section devoted to shoulder disorders and surgery, decided that its first biennial meeting should focus on this important and highly topical issue. This meeting, entitled “Management of Failed Shoulder Surgery”, was held in Rome on 2–3 October 2015, and this book springs from that event.

We are particularly pleased and proud to have the task of presenting this monograph, which has the same title as the Rome congress, as it offers readers a valuable opportunity to explore aspects of a subject that is both complex and controversial. This is the first time in over a decade that a book has been published that deals exclusively and exhaustively with the management of failed shoulder surgeries, aiming to help us recognise these events, understand why they occur and find successful solutions.

The book is structured in the same way as the Rome meeting. There are five parts, each focusing on a specific area of shoulder surgery: glenohumeral instability surgery, sports injury surgery, standard anatomical shoulder replacement, reverse shoulder replacement and rotator cuff surgery. Each part is made up of chapters that analyse problems and solutions related to complications and failures specific to each surgical procedure. The parts also contain

case studies illustrating the diagnostic and therapeutic approach used by the authors to manage particularly complex cases.

All the speakers at the Rome congress agreed to take part in this book project, and all have provided a contribution, reviewed and updated, on the subject of their particular presentation. Our sincere thanks go to all of them. The enthusiastic support of all the authors has been crucial, helping us to produce volume of great scientific quality. We are confident that readers will appreciate the format the authors have chosen for their chapters, based mainly on a decision-making and problem-solving approach.

Finally, we thank ESSKA's Board for approving and supporting this initiative, and all those at Springer for their great professionalism, and also for the book's excellent quality in both graphic and editorial terms.

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