Editorial

Uncover, discover and the growth of ideas

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But one leg to stand on, one foot to put forward. A one-legged man, unable to kick.

But what opportunity to find that other leg? To broaden ones’s vision of the rich history that envelops cardiovascular medicine? To learn of the birth of ideas and of elements that led to discovery? To place into perspective the past with today’s body of knowledge. But alas, to kick.

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