



Osteosynthesis &
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AMSTERDAM: VENUE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2017

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Executive Board Meeting, Frankfurt, 20-21 January 2017

As agreed at the first session of the EB, a combined meeting of the two EB Task Forces (TF) brought together five members each from different OTC chapters.

The EB/TF “Education” analyzed training programs of chapters with model character with the aim to identify common goals and strategies. Micha Holla, OTC Netherlands, prepared a mission statement which provides a coherent OTC vision as well as practical proposals for improving training courses, facilitating inter-chapter collaboration, and initiating new forms of education.

The EB/TF “Communication/Marketing” looked at different IT-based tools for integrated communication among chapters and with the trauma surgeons’ community at large. Richard Hurni, OTCF consultant, presented a concept paper which made also suggestions on how to improve our marketing and to attract additional sponsors. Common brand building should reinforce the corporate identity of the OTC Global Alliance.

AMSTERDAM MEETINGS, JUNE 14-16, 2017

Hosted by OTC Netherlands, the OTCF met at the Hotel Double Tree by Hilton with the following program of events:

- Board of Trustees Meeting
- RECO 28th Meeting
- OTCF Course on Research Methods in Orthopaedics and Trauma
- Executive Board Meeting with Task Forces
- OTC General Assembly
- Leadership Forum on Clinical and Research Experiences
- Celebration of 10 Years OTCF and 25 Years OTC Netherlands

Board of Trustees

The OTCF BOT met in Amsterdam on June 14th to review progress of the 2017 work program of the foundation, and to analyze and approve the final accounts 2016. Further oversight of the foundation was subsequently undertaken by correspondence.

The Organization Regulation of OTCF was unanimously accepted and entered into force the following day after acceptance by the GA. Volker bühren, Peter van den Hazel and Emanuel Zloczower were re-elected as Board of Trustees until the end of 2019. Emanuel Zloczower remains chairman.

Executive Board Meeting

The EB met on June 14th in Amsterdam together with its Education Task Force and the Communication/Marketing Task Force. The revised Organization Regulation was reviewed and agreed including the new governance and committee structure. Due to the excellence of connections and the location of the RHQ of Stryker it was decided to keep Amsterdam as the venue for the OTCF Annual Meetings during the first half of June each year unless there are compelling reasons for another venue.

The Education TF presented a work plan for 2017 including:

- Establishment of an inventory of all courses given by OTC Chapters from 2015 to 2017
- Development of an online data base of OTC faculty members who could be invited to courses of other chapters
- Standardizing a new common course evaluation form for all chapters

The Communication/Marketing TF focuses in 2017 on:

- Present a common logo for all chapters to enhance corporate identity and joint branding
- Improve the annual report/newsletter routine by introducing digital forms of reporting
- Assist OTC Foundation and OTC Chapters in designing their websites
- Prepare the grounds for searching additional sponsors

General Assembly 2017

The GA met on June 15th in Amsterdam together with Stryker management to review the work of the foundation and the chapters. Key decisions include:

- Approval of a new OTC logo which will be adopted by the chapters step-by-step giving time to introduce changes where needed
- Acceptance of the new Organization Regulation (see OTCF website)
- Special consideration of inactive chapters on a case-by-case basis
- Unanimous election of David Lowenberg as incoming president 2017/2018
- The honorary award 2017 was dedicated unanimously to Enrique Guerado, Spain, for his long-standing dedication to OTCF and support to chapter education programs
- Due to concurrent events in Amsterdam the dates for next year's annual meetings was set at June 6th to 8th 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel Amsterdam

Executive Board Meeting, Malaga, 20 October 2017

With four of the Executive Board members attending the research workshop, they convened an ad hoc mid-term EB meeting. Main topics were the review of progress of the two task forces (education and communication/marketing), recent development of chapters, approval of a work plan and budget 2018 for submission to the grantor, and planning for the annual meeting in June 2018 in Amsterdam.

Education Task Force

All chapters have been contacted to contribute to a comprehensive overview report of the task force: "Trauma Education to the Next Level". All courses given by OTC chapters during 2015-2017 will be listed and chapter faculty identified who could be invited as international course lecturers. Results will be submitted to the GA in Amsterdam.

Communication & Marketing Task Force

Common branding under the OTC umbrella was developed and chapters were contacted with the aim of adopting the new logo or harmonizing their branding. Standard guidelines were prepared for this purpose by the taskforce. Complete overhaul of the OTC Foundation website is in preparation for going online prior to the Amsterdam meeting.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP FORUM (LF) 2017

In light of the 10 years anniversary of the OTC Foundation the LF was dedicated to presentations marking this “historic” milestone:

- “Hot Topics” from Around the World
- “Best Of” Netherlands in Orthopedics and Trauma Care
- OTCF research studies and podium “From Research to Clinical Practice”
- Anatomical Dissection in Past and Future at Former House of Surgery
- Celebration of 25th anniversary of OTC Netherlands and 10th anniversary of the OTC Foundation at the Scheepvaartsmuseum

The brochure on Ten Years History of the OTC Foundation can be downloaded from the OTCF website under Publications or ordered in printed version from info@otcfoundation.org.

Education Fellowships 2017

This area is now directed and implemented by the Education TF. In addition to the work plan 2017 there have been 4 fellowships implemented in early 2017. Future education grants will only be considered under education support to OTC chapters.

Zhangyuan	Lin	China	24 April to 5 May 2017	Edinburgh
Chungui	Xu	China	24 April to 5 May 2017	Edinburgh
Garcia	Gonzales	Spain	15 to 24 May 2017	Strasbourg
Bisaccia	Michele	Italy	23 April to 6 May 2017	Marbella

CHAPTER COOPERATION

Sao Paulo, 29 September 2017:

Course on geriatric traumatology was held at the Hospital Samaritano, Sao Paulo, sponsored by the American Medical Services, OTC Brazil and Stryker Brazil. Chairmen were Dr. Luiz Fernando Cocco, Núcleo de Ortopedia do Hospital Samaritano, and Dr. Fernando Baldy dos Reis, President of OTC Brazil. A total of 98 surgeons attended.

Berlin, 24 October 2017

An OTCF research course on “Scientific Methods in Orthopaedy and Traumatology” was convened by Peter Augat and Volker Alt of RECO in Berlin within the framework of the annual German DKOU conference in Berlin. The course was based upon the textbook “Experimental Research Methods in Orthopedics and Trauma”, with 25 surgeons attending.

Lisbon, 23-24 November 2017

OTC Spain conducted a basic course with participation from Portuguese and Spanish surgeons in training reinforcing the regional Iberian approach. The lectures and discussion dealt with basic sciences, biomechanics, polytrauma, and upper and lower extremities. Practical exercises were conducted with material support of Stryker. OTC Spain plans to extend its outreach to surgeons in other Latina countries also by means of webinar courses.

Locking Nailing Course, Strasbourg, Strasbourg, 6 to 8 December 2017

Organized by Dr. Gilbert Taglang, AIOD Strasbourg, the regular International Improvement Course on Locking Nailing and External Fixation Techniques was held, in collaboration with Strasbourg University Hospitals, for a total of 126 nurses, residents and OP staff coming from 6 different countries. This bilingual French/English course was accompanied by workshops on saw bones to familiarize participants with the techniques involved.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

RESEARCH COMMITTEE (RECO)

The committee members undertake an intensive work program in 2017 including:

- 28th meeting in Amsterdam held on June 14th in Amsterdam
- Award of the three top graded 2017 research grants in the area of plating
- Initiation of a new book project on coordination of clinical research
- Formal designation of “Injury” as the OTCF house journal
- Publication of the Zurich workshop papers and results on IM Nailing as Injury Supplement 48/
- Research course in orthopedics and trauma care (preclinical and experimental research) held on June 14th in Amsterdam

Malaga, 19-21 October 2017

The OTCF Research Committee convened another hot topic work shop on “External Fixation and Percutaneous Pinning” with 34 participants. The workshop was hosted by Enrique Guerado, OTC Spain, and proceedings will be published as Injury supplement in June 2019. Topics for the research grants 2018 are derived from the workshop (see below).

OTCF Research Grants

Based upon the Boston workshop 2016, RECO invited proposals for the 2017 cycle in four areas: Operative vs. non-operative management of commonly plated fractures, outcomes of post-operative treatment regimens, detection of early vs. delayed healing, and related complications, including infection, hardware failure, and evaluation of various plating techniques.

OTCF Research Publications

The results of the workshop in Zurich in November 2015 have been published in electronic version on the OTCF website: INJURY Volume 48 Supplement 1, June 2017: Complications of Intramedullary Nailing – Evolution of Treatment; Guest Editors: Volker Alt, Hamish Simpson and Theodore Miclau. Downloadable from the OTCF website under Publications; paper copies available from research@otcfoundation.org.

The results of the Webinar course organized by OTC Spain were published as INJURY Supplement 6 in Volume 48, in November 2017; Guest Editor: Enrique Guerado.

OTC FOUNDATION SECRETARIAT

Support by the grantor had continued with an annual budget as in previous years. The operational coordination and administrative implementation of the foundation program continued in the hands of the same team as in 2016. All are engaged on a part-time basis covering a specific aspect each. In total, they add up to 150% of full time staff equivalent.

NAME	FUNCTION	PORTFOLIOS
Richard Helmer	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program implementation• Chapter networking• Education program amangement• Research program management
Emanuel Zloczower	Legal Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BOT oversight of OTCF• Legal counsel and compliance
Bertini & Partner	Fiduciary Accountant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost center operations• Administrative headquarters
Debora Aebersold	Administrative Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OTCF webmaster• Newsletter production• Event organization
Esther van Lieshout	RECO Science Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research grants administration• RECO meetings coordination

The OTCF secretariat covers administration and management of the foundation including:

- Legal advice of the foundation and of OTC chapters during their start-up phase
- Conduct of compliance audits in conformity with grantor compliance regulations
- Cost center conducting all financial transactions and budget management
- Maintenance of OTCF headquarters offices in Zuchwil
- Communication, marketing and IT networking

Zuchwil, 31 December 2017