



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2017 has been a memorable one with the celebration of the foundation's existence for a full ten years. The Scheepvaartsmuseum in Amsterdam has been a much appreciated venue for this event with OTC Chapter Presidents and Stryker senior management. Many valuable ideas came up during the General Assembly on the future of the education program of the foundation and in the chapters.

Together with the past president Ole Brink and the incoming president David Lowenberg I am extending our very best wishes for continued enthusiastic and successful cooperation in 2018.

Yoshinobu Watanabe
President OTCF and JABO/OTC Japan

EVENTS IN SECOND HALF 2017



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.



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 next year. Topics for the research grants 2018 are derived from the workshop (see below).



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 Latin countries also by means of webinar courses.



Strasbourg, 6–8 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.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS



Prof. Fernando Baldy dos Reis
President OTC Brazil

OTC Brazil

At the occasion of the Sao Paulo course (see above) the OTC Brazil formed its board with five members and launched a chapter website: www.otcbrazil.com.br. Chapter statutes were approved and a work program elaborated.



Dr. Yves Arlettaz
President OTC Switzerland

OTC Switzerland

On 11 September 2017 the chapter elected a new chairman: Dr. Yvan Arlettaz, and the chapter board was revised. Details under: www.otc-switzerland.ch. The chapter organized a trauma course in Interlaken, 11–14 September 2017, and will organize another trauma course in Thun, 10–13 September 2018.

NEWS FROM OTC FOUNDATION

Malaga, 20 October 2017

With four of the Executive Board members attending the 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 task force. Complete overhaul of the OTC Foundation website is in preparation for going online prior to the Amsterdam meeting.

RESEARCH GRANTS 2018

Based upon the Malaga workshop (see above), the OTCF Research Committee now invites proposals for the 2018 grant cycle in the following areas:

- **Implant-Bone Interface:** Coatings, Fixation, Minimizing Infection
- **Prevention and Treatment of Infection:** Type and length of antibiotic treatment, stability of fractures
- **Post-traumatic Deformity:** Angular deformities and consequences, pediatric fracture deformities
- **Role of External Fixation in Acute Trauma:** Staged protocols, span and scan – timing of internal fixation, timing of fixation (systemic)
- **External Fixation and Fracture Repair:** Optimal stiffness, External fixation in osteoporotic bone, Assessment of healing after external fixation

The deadline for proposal submissions is **15 April 2018**. Further details and application forms are given on the OTCF website under Research » Research Grants. Questions to be addressed to: research.grants@otcfoundation.org

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018



**Göteborg,
16–17 April 2018**

The OTC-Nordic organizes a regional advanced hand and wrist trauma course for specialists in orthopaedic or hand surgery. Details under www.otc-nordic.com



**Amsterdam,
6–8 June 2018**

The annual OTCF Executive Board, General Assembly, and Leadership Forum will be held again at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. Please reserve the dates, details will become available in the next newsletter and on the OTCF website.



**Toronto,
15–17 November 2018**

The annual “hot topic” research workshop will be held in Toronto, Canada. The subject will be: “Optimizing patient’s functions after musculoskeletal trauma” with details in due course posted in newsletter and on website.



**Strasbourg,
5–7 December 2018**

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