



Osteosynthesis &
Trauma Care Foundation



WELCOME TO AMSTERDAM

We are just two months away from our annual meetings which will take place in Amsterdam, 6-8 June 2018 again in the same place as last year. I am happy to invite all colleagues of the OTC Global Alliance to the OTCF General Assembly and the Leadership Forum. Looking forward to constructive discussions at the GA and inspiring presentations at the LF. The OTCF boards and committees, and the OTC Nordic group, will also convene.

Being also president of this year's ISFR Biennial Workshop in Kyoto I would like to welcome cordially all OTC colleagues interested in November in Japan. Details given below.

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President OTCF and JABO/OTC Japan

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS



The Foundation for Orthopedic Trauma (FOT) held its 9th Annual Meeting and a Lower Extremity Dissection Course in Las Vegas, February 1 and 2, 2018. Topics ranged from new techniques in orthopedic trauma, FOT funded research to interactive case presentations. Two Haitian residents were invited as part of the long standing educational cooperation with Haiti.

Message from the FOT President Dr. Daniel Horwitz: "FOT continues to grow and it remains a leader in trauma education in the United States. Our resident cadaveric dissection courses remain oversubscribed and research funding continues to produce publications and worldwide podium presentations. Our active membership has positioned us as a core element of the OTA, and we look forward to increased participation in OTC activities worldwide".

NEWS FROM OTCF FOUNDATION



Staff Change

Since the beginning of the year the OTCF has a new Executive Secretary. Debora Aebersold left the foundation end 2017 and Laurant Salihu took up this position. He is responsible for administering the foundation secretariat, the OTCF newsletter, and being event manager for the annual meetings in Amsterdam.



Task Force Education

An editorial panel with Taco Blokhuis, Micha Holla and Oliver Trapp met in Amsterdam, 20–21 March 2018, to analyze results of the chapter education survey covering 2015–2017. A comprehensive OTCF education status report will be presented to the GA in June 2018. All OTC chapters are thanked for having responded with detailed data on courses, faculty and evaluation forms.

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



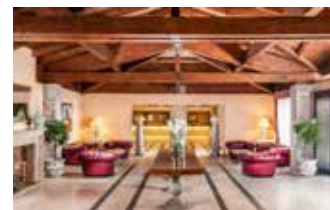
OTCF General Assembly, Amsterdam, 7 June 2018

All OTC Chapter Presidents, together with the Board of Trustees, Executive Board and Stryker Representatives will meet to receive and acknowledge reports from the OTCF secretariat, review OTC chapter developments, and to elect the next president. The education program of the foundation and the chapters will be analyzed, and websites of the OTCF and OTC chapters reviewed. Details from info@otcfoundation.org.



OTCF Leadership Forum, Amsterdam, 7 to 8 June 2018

OTC chapter surgeons from Asia, the Americas and Europe will present lectures and moderate discussions on polytrauma, current concepts and trends in pelvic fractures, fractures of the hip in the elderly, and a review of ongoing orthopaedic challenges. The full LF program will be posted on the OTCF website shortly: www.otcfoundation.org.



OTC Italy Course on Lower Extremity Fractures, Rome, 22 June 2018

This education course, to be held at the Aula Visconti Sheraton Parco Dè Medici, addresses residents on questions related to complex fractures around the tibia, chaired by Dr. Rocco Erasmo. Michael Edwards, OTC Netherlands, is OTCF-sponsored invited guest speaker. The OTC Italy also convenes its general assembly and designates its counselors. More information from segreteria@otcitaly.it.

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IV Congress of the Mediterranean Federation of Orthopaedics and Traumatology – MedFORT 2018, 5 to 7 September 2018

A symposium on “Pelvic Fractures – Current Concepts and Trends” will be sponsored by OTCF, chaired by Ole Brink, Denmark. Speakers will be Dr. Johannes Zeichen, Germany, and Enrique Guerado and Francisco Chana from Spain. Further information can be obtained under www.efort.org.



OTC Switzerland Trauma Course, Thun, 10 to 13 September 2018

This basic course provides lectures, discussions and hands-on workshops on fractures around the shoulder, external fixation, fractures around the hip, fractures around the elbow and fractures around the knee, tibia, and foot and ankle. Michael Ullman, OTC Sweden, is OTCF-sponsored invited guest speaker. More information under www.otc-switzerland.ch.



OTC Nordic Hand and Wrist Trauma Course, Goteborg, 10 to 11 September 2018

This course includes case-based discussions and cadaveric surgery, and is conducted by faculty from Sweden, Norway and UK. It covers fractures of the fingers, carpus, distal radius, and wrist arthritis. More information under www.otc-nordic.com and from info@otc-nordic.com.



OTCF RECO Hot Topic Research Workshop, Toronto, 15 to 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.



ORS International Section of Fracture Repair 2018 Biennial Workshop (The 16th Biennial Conference of ISFR)

This conference is hosted and organized by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Teikyo University School of Medicine. Main topics include fragility fracture and pathological fracture, and the diamond concept of bone regeneration. Further information and conference details under www.isfr2018.com. **IMPORTANT: Oral and poster abstract submission deadline 30 April 2018.**



International Course on Locking Nailing and External Fixation, Strasbourg, 5 to 7 December 2018

This bilingual French/English annual course is organized by AIOD Strasbourg for nurses, residents and OP staff. It includes workshops on saw bones to explain and train various techniques, and interactive discussions. More information from aiod@orange.fr or mhamm.aiod@orange.fr.



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