

2017 WELCOME



Michael Edwards,
OTC Netherlands

The upcoming major event 2017 will be the annual meetings in June. It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome the OTC Global Alliance chapters to Amsterdam. OTC Netherlands will arrive this year at its 25th anniversary and we are proud to celebrate this together with the OTC Foundation which reaches its tenth year of existence also in 2017. Over the past years we have elaborated a robust system of levelled education courses which has proven its effectiveness for surgeons at all levels. We hope that this will also serve as a useful model for other OTC chapters. Presentations by my OTC-NL colleagues and discussions to that effect will be part of the Amsterdam meetings.

Tot ziens!

Michael Edwards, President of OTC Netherlands

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB)

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.

Discussions will continue in Amsterdam at the EB meeting and then be presented to the General Assembly (see below).



EB Task Force "Education" at work in Frankfurt

AMSTERDAM MEETINGS, JUNE 14-16, 2017

This year we will meet 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

Invitations to OTC Chapters are being sent out in March.



Celebration at Scheepvaartmuseum Amsterdam

UPCOMING RESEARCH EVENTS

The Research Course will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at the Double Tree Hotel, located near Amsterdam Centraalstation. Surgeons with interest in clinical and preclinical studies, and experimental research are most welcome. Details can be taken from the website www.otcfoundation.org under "Courses and Events" or by contacting research@otcfoundation.org

Another Research Course on "Scientific Methods in Orthopedics and Trauma Care" will be held in conjunction with the DKOU conference in Berlin, Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

The annual RECO Workshop will be held in Malaga, October 19-21, 2017, at the invitation of OTC Spain. The "hot topic" is "External Fixation and Percutaneous Pinning". Details will be posted on the OTCF website in due course.

RESEARCH GRANTS 2017

Based upon the Boston workshop, 3-5 November 2016, RECO invites proposals for the 2017 cycle in four areas:

- 1) Operative vs. non-operative management of commonly plated fractures
- 2) Outcomes of post-operative treatment regimens, including rehabilitation and hardware management
- 3) Detection of early vs. delayed healing, and related complications, including infection, hardware failure, and other implant-related issues
- 4) Evaluation of plating techniques, including single vs. dual plating, locked vs. unlocked plating, near cortical vs. far cortical cortex screw placement, and static vs. dynamic screw placement

The deadline for proposal submissions is **15 April 2017**. Further details and application forms are given on the OTCF website under Research>Research Grants. Questions to be addressed to: research.grants@otcfoundation.org.

OTCF STAFF DEVELOPMENTS



Debora Aebersold, Executive Secretary

During the past two years Debora Aebersold has provided administrative assistance to the foundation. She has now assumed the position of Executive Secretary serving the EB, organizing OTCF events, and administering foundation tasks.

Please note that the Chapter Support Application Form is at our webpage www.otcfoundation.org.