

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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The General Assembly 2017 in Amsterdam gave me confidence and trust unanimously to take over the OTCF Presidency for 2017/2018. I feel honored in taking over this task of serving the foundation and to the Global OTC Alliance as well, in particular as this happened at the 10th anniversary of the OTC Foundation. Having been member of the foundation since its inception I am determined to guide us into the next decade of existence. Enhancing education is a cornerstone of the OTC profile and work program bringing the training activities of the chapters to a higher level through cooperation on course programs.

Yoshinobu Watanabe
OTCF President 2017/2018

EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) 2017

The EB met on June 14th in Amsterdam in the presence of 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 exceptions for another chapter.

The Education TF proposed a work plan for the remainder of 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 will focus 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 (GA) 2017

The GA met on June 15th in Amsterdam in the presence of 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



Enrique Guerado, Honorary Award 2017, with Board of Trustees

- 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**



General Assembly 2017

Thereafter the GA attended to presentations of the Education TF and to selected chapter course programs. Endorsed by Stryker the paramount importance of education and courses throughout the OTC Global Alliance was reiterated.

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 Orthopedy and Trauma Care
- OTCF research studies and podium "From Research to Clinical Practice"



Micha Holla and Michael Edwards at Former House of Surgery

- 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



Mel Rosenwasser, First OTCF President, bringing alive ten years of foundation history

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

EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

The International Improvement Course on Locking Nailing and External Fixation will be held by AIOD Strasbourg, 6th to 8th December 2017. Details from aiod@orange.fr or mhamm.aiod@orange.fr.

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 48/1 (downloadable from the OTCF website under Publications; paper copies available from research@otcfoundation.org)
- Research course in orthopedics and trauma care (preclinical and experimental research) held on June 14th in Amsterdam
- "Hot Topic" workshop on External Fixation and Percutaneous Pinning, Malaga, October 19th to 21st
- Research course on scientific methods and trauma surgery at DKOU Berlin, October 24th



Amsterdam research course participants and faculty