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OTCF President

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With great pleasure I address you for the first time as President of OTCF being quite convinced that OTCF is alive and as healthy an organization as ever. We are growing steadily with OTC Austria in creation and reinvigorated collaboration with OTC Brazil, OTC Hellas and OTC Switzerland. It remains our hope that further chapters can form in South America, adding to the outreach of the OTCF as a truly global organization of Orthopaedic Traumatologists.

The General Assembly and Leadership Forum this June in Amsterdam established concrete goals and projects for the forthcoming years. Our table is clearly full with activities portrayed on our new website launched this month.

Education and research endeavors are where OTCF flourishes. In calendar year 2017 a total of 73 courses around the world were put on by OTCF and its OTC Chapters. This is truly an amazing accomplishment. Our Task Force Education has done a remarkable job of compiling data and determined that in the three year interval 2015 through 2017 a total of 12,000 health care professionals have received education at an OTC course globally.

The Research Committee has been equally prolific under the guidance of Theodore Miclau. Three research grants were awarded following careful evaluation by the committee. A new Injury Supplement on "Plating of Fractures" was just published emanating from the 2016 Boston research workshop, with a next supplement under preparation from the 2017 workshop in Malaga on "External Fixation and Percutaneous Pinning." All six supplement being published on the new OTCF website.

Lastly, a special thanks to Richard Helmer who has truly been the cornerstone of the OTCF and without him it certainly would not possibly be the organization it is today. Thank you Richard for everything.



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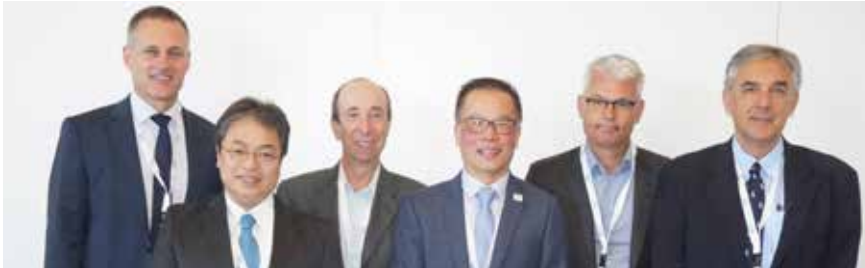


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# EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB), AMSTERDAM

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6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018



The EB Members, three presidents and the regional coordinators, convened under OTCF President Yoshinobu Watanabe jointly with the Board of Trustees and the EB Task Forces Education and Communication/Marketing. They reviewed work undertaken and prepared the grounds for the subsequent General Assembly.

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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA), AMSTERDAM

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7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018



The GA Members, all EB participants and OTC chapter presidents, with representatives of the grantor, convened under OTCF President Yoshinobu Watanabe. The GA reviewed the annual report and financial report 2017, and accepted the work plan and budget 2018 as proposed. The annual report of the research committee was noted with appreciation and its members reconfirmed in their functions.

A warm welcome was extended to OTC Hellas when its president Christos Garnavos reported on the relaunch of its board, secretariat and education course program. The prospect of launching a new chapter in Austria, with secretariat services being provided by AIOD Germany, was greatly appreciated.



The GA decided to convene next year's event again in Amsterdam from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 in the same place. David Lowenberg is OTCF President 2019 and as President Elect 2019 Michael Edwards, President OTC Netherlands, was designated unanimously.



The OTCF Honorary Award was dedicated to Volker Bühren being one of the founding fathers of the foundation who continuously enriched its work program in education and research with personal engagement and forward looking leadership.

# EB TASK FORCE EDUCATION

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The group presented the work agreed upon at EB 2017, in particular review and analysis of all OTC chapter education programs with a complete list of courses and a roster of international faculty, and alternative course evaluation formats. This report is now available on the new OTCF website for reading and downloading. In three years a total of 232 courses were given reaching nearly 12'000 participants.

Innovative education approaches were presented which drew particular attention as they will lead the way on how to provide training more direct and efficient in the future. Webinars, MOOCs, virtual training and train-the-trainers concepts will be focused upon by the task force over the coming years.

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# EB TASK FORCE COMMUNICATION/ MARKETING

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The new OTCF website was the key project and work undertaken by specialized agencies on web structure and art work. The new website went live on 11<sup>th</sup> July linked to the new format of the OTCF newsletter. OTC chapters then stated their needs for website harmonization or upgrading.

Work on search for additional sponsors was initiated and will be reported upon at the mid-term EB meeting.

## OTCF RESEARCH COMMITTEE



The results of the “hot topic” workshop in Boston on Plating of Fractures were summarized in another INJURY supplement, distributed to GA members. This supplement, together with all others from the research workshops, were placed on the new OTCF website, readable and downloadable.

Eleven research proposals were reviewed by the committee and the three highest rated were awarded an OTCF research grant at the level of USD 50'000 each. The agenda for the next workshop in Toronto, 15th to 17th November 2018, on Optimizing Patients' Function after Musculoskeletal Trauma, was finalized and participants identified.

## OTCF LEADERSHIP FORUM 2018



Moderated by Ole Brink, Enrique Guerado, David Lowenberg and Ton Tran, presentations were made on polytrauma, pelvic fractures, hip fractures in the elderly, and ongoing orthopaedic challenges. Each topic was vividly debated by the chapter presidents and other surgeons attending.



We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website!

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