



Osteosynthesis &
Trauma Care Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



VERONA: VENUE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2016

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

General Assembly 2016

Activities in 2016 were marked by an in-depth review of the OTCF mission and work program with the aim of adapting the foundation to an enhanced education program and strengthened chapter programs. Grants were provided in three areas: research projects, fellowship travels, support to chapters. The grantor provided a budget for 2016 as basis for medium-term forward planning of subsequent years.

An OTCF/Stryker ad hoc working group had met in Zurich, November 2015, Geneva, February 2016, and in Verona on 15th June 2016. Their proposal was submitted to the GA. The GA was chaired, in the absence of President Jörg Franke, by past president Ton Tran, seconded by Ole Brink as incoming president. Main agenda items are given on the OTCF website under Courses & Events. Professor Yoshinobu Watanabe, JABO President, was unanimously elected Incoming President 2016/2017.



Chapter Presidents with Stryker Representatives at GA 2016

The GA undertook a major restructuring of the OTCF governance by introducing an Executive Board which will be responsible for the strategic direction of the work of the foundation. The major elements are:

- The Executive Board (EB) consisting of the three GA Presidents and six Regional Coordinators
- An Executive Secretary (new position) serving the EB and administering its activities
- EB Task Forces dealing with education methods and events, regional synergies among chapters, communication and marketing, and sponsorship expansion
- All other OTCF secretariat functions remain unchanged

Executive Board Meeting

The newly established Executive Board (EB) met for its inaugural session at Schiphol Airport on 21-22 October 2016 under the chairmanship of Ole Brink as current OTCF President. The EB membership roster was completed (see OTCF website) with all regional coordinators in place. OTC Netherlands representatives and Stryker management participated as well. Some of the key decisions taken are:

- Dual membership in an OTC Chapter and in OTC Foundation will be offered
- All chapters are invited to adhere to a common standard brand
- Travel grants will as of 2017 only be considered under chapter support requests
- Work program and budget framework 2017 was approved, and also accepted by the grantor with major attention on education related activities



Inaugural session of the OTCF Executive Board, Schiphol, 21-22 October 2016

Board of Trustees

The OTCF BOT met in Verona on June 15th to review progress of the 2016 work program of the foundation, and to analyze and approve the final accounts 2015. Further oversight of the foundation was undertaken by correspondence.

Chapter Survey

All Chapters prepared a detailed report on basic information about their organization and of official recognition by local laws, number and function of executive board, number of members, Chapter by-laws, financial statements, and annual activity report and work plans. These data were then submitted to the EB as basis for its meeting and forward planning of regional education activities of mutual interest. Membership in the Global OTC Alliance totals 4'500 surgeons. The education programs are composed of close to 70 training events including basic, advanced and cadaveric courses.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Leadership Forum, Verona, 15-16 June 2016

Chaired by Guido Rocca, President OTC Italy, the LF attracted more than 100 surgeons from all over Italy in addition to the GA attendees. The faculty comprised 18 surgeons from OTC Italy and other chapters. Program details on OTCF website under Courses & Events.



Guido Rocca chairing LF 2016 in Verona

Lower Leg Trauma Course, Gothenburg, 14-15 November 2016

The three Nordic chapters organized an Advanced Course with Cadaver Workshops on Lower Leg Trauma on 14 and 15 November 2016 at Gothenburg University. A faculty of 13 surgeons instructed a total of 22 participants from Scandinavian countries, including lectures, discussions, and hands-on work on 14 specimens.



Faculty and Trainees at Gothenburg cadaveric course

Locking Nailing Course, Strasbourg, Strasbourg, 7-9 December 2016

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 116 nurses, residents and OP staff coming from 7 different countries. This bilingual French/English course was accompanied by workshops on saw bones to familiarize participants with the techniques involve.



Nurses course 2016 Strasbourg

Fellowship Program

From the applications received, a total of five fellows could be placed in 2016. Four more were postponed to 2017 and are in the pipeline. Thereafter only travel grant requests submitted by OTC chapters will be considered.

NAME	FIRST NAME	COUNTRY	DATES	HOST CENTER
Khan	Umar	UK	18-29 April 2016	Strasbourg
Poos	Jeroen	Netherlands	20 June-1 July 2016	Murnau
Hurmuz	Mihai	Romania	19-30 September 2016	Marbella
Hakim	Farid	USA	14-25 November 2016	Nijmegen
Wu	Fei	China	14-25 November 2016	Giessen

EB Task Force on Education

The EB Task Force on Education has been formed with five members from OTC chapters. They have drafted an educational vision for OTCF and will set strategic goals and milestones at their first meeting scheduled 20-21 January 2017 in Frankfurt.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

RECO Hot Topic Workshop, Boston, 3-5 November 2016

The OTCF Research Committee (RECO) organized the annual “hot topic” workshop on Complications of Plating – Evolution of Treatment, with 24 participants from Europe and North America. Themes covered treatment, techniques, and complications in upper and lower extremities. Presentations and conclusions will be summarized in an INJURY supplement next year.



[Boston 2016 Research Workshop participants](#)

Research Course on Experimental Research, Munich, 7 June 2016

The Introductory Course on Experimental Research Methods in Fracture Repair preceding the 15th Biennial Conference of the ISFR, was held 7th June 2016 in Munich. Program details are given on the OTCF website under Courses & Events. This course will be held annually associated with GA/LF and biannually with ISFR, and also in association with other events.

OTCF Research Grants

Based upon the RECO workshop in Zurich in November 2015, research grants had been advertised by OTCF in the area of IM Nailing for the 2016 cycle. 21 proposals were received and reviewed by RECO in Verona; the three top graded ones were awarded USD 50'000 each at its 27th meeting in Verona on 15th June 2016.

Based upon the Boston workshop 2016, RECO invites proposals for the 2017 cycle in four areas: Operative vs. non-operative management of commonly plated fractures, outcomes of post-operative treatment regimens, detection of early vs. delayed healing, and related complications, including infection, hardware failure, and evaluation of various plating techniques.

OTCF Research Publications

The results of the workshop in London in November 2013 have been published in electronic version on the OTCF website: INJURY Volume 47 Supplement 1, January 2016. Osteoporotic Fractures – the Biological Perspective, with guest editors Volker Alt and Theodore Miclau.

The results of the workshop in Boston in November 2014 have been published in electronic version on the OTCF website: INJURY Volume 47 Supplement 2, June 2016. Osteoporotic Fracture Fixation – A Biomechanical Perspective, with guest editors Peter Augat and Jörg Goldhahn.

OTC FOUNDATION SECRETARIAT

Support by the grantor has continued with an annual budget as in previous years. The operational coordination and administrative implementation of the foundation program continue to be in the hands of the same team as in 2015. All are engaged on a part-time basis covering a specific aspect each. In total, they add up to 150% of full time staff equivalent.

NAME	FUNCTION	PORTFOLIOS
Richard Helmer	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program implementation• Organizing OTCF meetings• Chapter networking• Research program management
Emanuel Zloczower	Legal Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BOT oversight of OTCF• Legal counsel and compliance
Bertini & Partner	Fiduciary Accountant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost center operations• Administrative headquarters
Debora Aebersold	Administrative Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OTCF webmaster• Newsletter production• Event organization
Esther van Lieshout	RECO Science Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research grants administration• RECO meetings coordination

The OTCF secretariat covers administration and management of the foundation including:

- Legal advice of the foundation and of OTC chapters during their start-up phase
- Conduct of compliance audits in conformity with grantor compliance regulations
- Cost center conducting all financial transactions and budget management
- Maintenance of OTCF headquarters offices in Zuchwil
- Communication and IT networking

Zuchwil, 31 December 2016