



Osteosynthesis &  
Trauma Care Foundation

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021



After a quiet 2020, 2021 was again different due to the international response to the Covid-19 pandemic that continued to paralyze with world through nearly the entire first half of the year. In-person OTC-F meetings did not re-start until September 2021. Thus, all main OTCF events (General Assembly, Leadership Forum, Committee meetings and ReCo Hot Topic Workshop) were reschedule second time to November 2021. However, no time was lost and OTCF continued to work on the improving the organization, optimizing transparency, and preparing for a better future.

## I. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

In follow up of the virtual AGM in June 2020 confirming the adjustments needed in the general organization, the main topic 2021 was the full revision of the Regulation Booklet composed by following documents:

- The articles of incorporation
- Code of conduct
- Organization regulation
- Internal competence regulation
- Signature authorization
- Reimbursement policy
- Medical Ethical Guideline
- Compliance check-list
- Due diligence check-list

The restricted EB committee (Emanuel Zloczower, Michael Edwards, Oliver Trapp with administrative support Margot Hamm) worked on this huge “building site” several times virtually and met physically in Brussels end of September to finalize the booklet in time for the AGM.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Brussels

The GA was supposed to take place in Brussels in June 2021 but has been postponed to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 together with the Leadership Forum and the ReCo Hot topic workshop.

Many European OTC chapters (13) were represented physically and the non-European countries (5), which had restrictions to travel due to the pandemics, followed the meeting via Zoom. Members of the BOT, EB, chairs of TF Edu and ReCo as well as grantor representatives attended onsite.

Reports were given on:

- The new OTC F regulations proposed and to adopt by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.  
There were no substantial remarks, the proposed changes were received positively. (Final booklet published on OTCF Website).
- The financial overview that showed a positive end balance 2020 of CHF 27,000 even with a drastic budget reduction that was obligatory due to the pandemic.  
To note that no money was lost regarding the Brussel events and deposits paid to the hotel. Everything could be properly postponed from 2020 to 2021 without cancellation fees nor penalties.
- First financial overview 2021: the budget requested was similar to 2019 before the pandemic. Globally, the entire workplan was respected and thus the budget used accordingly. It was also decided to increase the overhead costs in order for AIOD Strasbourg to hire a second assistant in support of M. Hamm in the administration of OTCF, AIOD Strasbourg and OTC France.
- The Election of next incoming president 2023-2025: congratulations to Francisco Chana (OTC Spain)
- The Honorary award 2021 given to Ted Miclau: congratulations for his devotion to the OTCF Research Committee and his humility.
- The work of the TF Education.
- The work of the Research Committee.

- Perspectives of OTC Activities post Covid for all OTC Chapters.
- At the end of the GA, Michael Edwards stepped out as OTCF President and took over to Oliver Trapp (OTCF presidency for 2021 – 2023).

### **Leadership Forum (LF) 2021**

The LF could finally take place in November in Brussels on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 hosted by the OTC Belgium chapter with its President, Dr. Stefan Clockaerts.

Main scientific subject was on long bone indications (upper and lower limbs). Faculty was a mix of local speakers and OTC Chapter representatives.

The evening celebration was dedicated to the official Opening Ceremony of the freshly formed Belgian Chapter with an introduction and welcome note by Ionut Caracudovici, followed by a magistral presentation on “History of traumatology and its evolution” given by Gilbert Taglang. Last but not least, Stefan Clockaerts introduced the young chapter, with the presentation of the Board Members and activities plan.

### **MID-TERM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 2021**

The mid-term meeting was replaced by the committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November in preparation and finalization of the AGM.

## **II. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Task Force Education did not have the opportunity to meet physically in 2021 excepted during the Brussel events that took place in November.

The group is composed by Micha Holla (Chair of the Task Force), Taco Blokhuis (OTC Netherlands), Melanie Kall (OTC Germany) and Rikke Thorning (OTC Denmark).

Enrique Guerado (OTC Spain) stepped out.

Oliver Trapp, Current OTC F President cannot be member of the Edu TF and OTC F President at the same time.

Margot Hamm is still supporting the Committee activities but also involved in the administration activities of the Foundation.

So, it appeared that there are 2 vacancies. Filip Stockmans from Belgium and Jesús Gomez Vallejo from Spain expressed their interest to join the committee. They will be invited to the Edu TF Course Director Meeting scheduled in June 2022 in Vienna.

Unfortunately, the ambitious plans to bring trauma education to the next level in 2021 did not yet succeed as expected due to the Covid-19 but is still the goal “number one” of Edu TF.

During the meeting in Brussels, the TF worked intensively on a Course Director Meeting to be held in June 2022 which main topics will be:

- The setup of courses
- The use of new educational tools

and they worked on the Education plans for 2022 which are:

- To continue the optimization of working in digital clouds (Dropbox)
- To relaunch the faculty exchange program
- To optimize learning goals and leveled education
- To implement use of evaluation forms (when courses restart)
- To organize a Course Director Meeting (Vienna 2022)
- To work on the content of the OTC F website
- To assist other OTC Chapters if they need help

### **III. WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION**

It was a long road to transfer the website from Switzerland to Germany but it succeeded. The administration of the OTCF website is now in the hands of OTC Germany, Melanie Kall. The software used currently to update the site is a bit “old fashioned” and needs perhaps to be reviewed for an easier and more practical use.

It would be of interest to have a clear overview and suggestion plan for the future administration to be presented during the AGM 2022.

OTCF newsletters were successfully issued twice in 2021: summer and winter.

The annual report of the foundation is published on the OTCF website.

### **IV. CHAPTER COOPERATION**

#### **OTC Italy**

OTC Italy organized on 25th September afternoon it's World-Wide OTC International Symposium on “Open tibial fractures. Different approaches in limb saving”

Under the presidency of R. Erasmo M.D. and A. Are M.D.

#### **OTC Spain**

OTC Spain, under the presidency of Prof. Francisco Chana Rodríguez, organized successfully it's OTC TV course on complex cases on 28th and 29th June.

### **V. RESEARCH PROGRAM (RECO)**

Members of ReCo were confirmed by the AGM in November 2021: T. Miclau (Committee Chair), V. Alt, P. Augat, H. Simpson and E. Van Lieshout.

In November, Richard Helmer officially retired and handed over the administrative committee duties to E. Van Lieshout, who took over the role of OTCF Research Manager (contact: [research.grants@otcfoundation.org](mailto:research.grants@otcfoundation.org)).

The ReCo had 2 meetings in 2021. The 35<sup>th</sup> meeting took place online on June 15, where a total of 10 research grant applications in the area of Enhancement of Fracture Healing were reviewed. Three applicants were awarded research grants. The 36<sup>th</sup> meeting took place in Brussels on November 10 and 13, and focused on preparing for the Hot Top Workshop of 2023.

## **The HOT TOPIC WORKSHOP**

The annual hot topic workshop 2021 on “**New Technologies**” brought 20 participants of various professional backgrounds together in Brussels on November 12 and 13. Topics included:

- Imaging
- Implant technologies
- Digital technologies
- 3D printing
- Robotics

Based on the Workshop, the following hot topics were identified for the 2022 Research Grants:

- Material coatings and surface modifications
- Robotics and Artificial intelligence
- Navigation and imaging
- Wellness devices and virtual apps

The presentations and discussion contents will be published in a supplement of Injury. The next Workshop in 2023 will address “Clinical research changing clinical practice”.

## **ReCo RESEARCH GRANTS**

Ten applications were received in 2021, three applications with the highest scores were awarded a Research Grant. There remain 9 active grant projects in various stages of progress: three from 2021, three from 2019, one from 2018, and two from prior years.

## **INJURY SUPPLEMENTS**

INJURY Volume 52, Supplement 2, June 2021. Enhancement of Fracture Healing. Guest Editors: Peter Augat and Hamish Simpson.

INJURY Volume 53, Supplement 1, November 2022: “New Technologies”. Guest editors: Theodore Miclau and Esther Van Lieshout. This supplement will contain around 20 papers from the Brussels 2020 workshop presentations. It will be published in flipbook format this fall, in time for EB 2022 in Lyon workshop.

Volker Alt remains designated as the Handling Editor for these supplements by Elsevier, which includes the tasks of processing all contributions in accordance with the new electronic paper submission standards, editing, and approval procedures for Injury papers for these supplements.

## **COORDINATION OF CLINICAL RESEARCH**

ReCo continues to work on a Spanish translation of the text book on Coordination of Clinical Research. Plans are to have the book available as flipbook on (among others) the OTCF website by the end of 2022.

**VI. OTC FOUNDATION SECRETARIAT**

The operational coordination and administrative implementation of the foundation program continued with following manpower:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>PORTFOLIOS</b>
Emanuel Zloczower	Legal Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOT oversight of OTCF</li> <li>• Legal counsel and compliance</li> </ul>
Bertini & Partner	Fiduciary Accountant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost center operations</li> <li>• Administrative headquarters</li> </ul>
Margot Hamm	Education Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force Education program management</li> <li>• Education event organization</li> </ul>
Margot Hamm	Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter networking</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Budget administration</li> </ul>
Esther van Lieshout	ReCo Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research program management</li> <li>• Research events coordination</li> <li>• Budget management backstopping</li> <li>• Research grants administration</li> <li>• ReCo meetings coordination</li> </ul>
Melanie Kall	Website Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OTCF webmaster</li> <li>• Support for OTC Newsletter</li> </ul>

The OTCF secretariat covers administration and management of the foundation including administrative back-up services to OTC chapters

Strasbourg, January 2022  
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Executive Assistant

