



Osteosynthesis &  
Trauma Care Foundation

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022 of the OTCF

*Our mission is to advance osteosynthesis and trauma care  
through research, education and best clinical practice*



Can we pretend that 2022 was an “ordinary year” after the pandemic? Difficult question but what is sure is that OTCF learned a lot from this period and is now working and educating with different methods and tools.

In 2022, OTCF could continue to improve transparency in the entire organization and fulfilled its missions. All main events (Annual General Assembly, Leadership Forum, Hot Topic workshop) and a new event called “Course Director Meeting” supervised by the Education Task Force have been organized successfully.

The grant program by the Research Committee is well managed and recognized.

And last but not least, the wish to extend support and exchanges among the chapters is stronger as ever and appears as a clear demand particularly in European countries.

## **I. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP**

The Executive Board (EB) met several times in 2022 either via Zoom or during onsite meetings. The new regulation booklet was definitively approved and officially affected by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

In the general management, EB was constantly present, ready to help by taken fast and clear decisions, working in full transparency and respecting rules/regulations in accordance with the main grantor.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in Vienna**

The AGM took place in Vienna and was hosted by the OTC Austrian chapter. Most of the members attended the meeting on site and only a few were connected online. The BOT and grantors representatives participated too.

#### **Reports were given on following topics:**

- The financial report 2021 was presented and approved, despite the difficulties due to the pandemics, a positive balance could be observed by the end of 2021.
- The budget 2022 and first figures were showed. The global budget and activities are similar to 2021. All events take place in Europe so the budget is under better control.
- The revision of the election procedures for BOT members, regional Coordinators and presidents were adopted and changed; details are written in the by-laws which are available on OTCF Website <https://otcfoundation.org/>
- The next incoming President (2023 – 2025), Francisco Chana (OTC Spain) will take over his new responsibilities in June 2023.
- The presentation of the OTC Austrian chapter which is now officially founded (the chapter is administrated with the help of OTC Germany).
- The interest to set up an OTC South African chapter and to relaunch the OTC Switzerland one.
- The Award 2022 was given to Prof. Jean-Marc Féron (University Professor in Paris and Past President of the OTC France).
- The activities of OTCF Education Task Force.
- The activities of OTCF Research Committee.
- The presentation of the new layout for the OTCF Website.

### **THE LEADERSHIP FORUM (LF), 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

The LF took place in Vienna under the chairmanship of Dr. Ernst Mueller (President OTC Austria) and Dr. Oliver Trapp (President OTCF)

The program was splitted in two sessions: the morning session dedicated to Workshops on the topics of nailing and plating in femoral fractures and the afternoon session was dedicated to presentations and discussions on controversies in femoral fractures including OTC International chapter speakers faced to OTC Austrian Speakers.

### **MID-TERM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 10th November 2022**

The EB met in Lyon (France) on 10<sup>th</sup> November prior the Hot Topic Workshop managed by the Research Committee.

Final decisions were taken on the election procedures, particularly to define the regions and the necessity to have or not Regional Coordinators. The integration of a 4<sup>th</sup> BOT member and the choice

of the next incoming president (2025 -2027). Nominations were done and will be announced and voted during the AGM in June 2023 in Madrid.

On the financial aspects, OTCF has been informed that a new Audit is requested by the main grantor in order to confirm that improvements and transparency were performed regarding the use of the funds (as per conclusions/suggestions done during the first Audit in 2019).

The grant procedure has been changed as well and separation between the Research Program, the Education Program and the Running costs is obligatory.

Thus, OTCF worked on the budget 2023 and changed also completely the chart of accounts in order to fit with the requirements of the grantor and to have a clear view on the cost centers.

## **II. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Education Task Force (EduTF) has been reinforced by welcoming three new members officially integrated during the AGM in June.

Thus, the committee is composed by: Micha Holla (Chair), Taco Blokhuis, Rikke Thorninger, Melanie Kall and three new members: Jesus Gomez Vallejo (Spain), Filip Stockmans (Belgium) and Alessandro Are (Italy).

Administrative support is provided by Audrey Chall (AIOD Office in Strasbourg, [aiod@orange.fr](mailto:aiod@orange.fr)) and Margot Hamm (OTCF Education Manager, [education@otcfoundation.org](mailto:education@otcfoundation.org))

EduTF organized in Vienna its first Course Director Meeting which main goals were to:

- exchange knowledge,
- share experiences,
- and inspire future with new surgeons.

The basic principle was to alternate between plenary sessions with small group discussions.

Specific focus was put on the setup of courses via new education tools. The session on how to improve presentations by making 3D Videos, doing podcasts, how to keep the audience's attention and improve the podium performance, etc. was very appreciated and discussions were great.

40 participants from all continents attended the meeting. We had the pleasure to welcome also some young OTC Chapter members who brought new blood and a fresh stream in the organization. The format of the course was very appreciated and EduTF will work on a second edition perhaps for 2025.

OTCF was also represented in October at the DKOU meeting in Berlin by animating a session on Controversies in Femoral Fractures.

EduTF is currently working on an online survey among the Chapters to see how and where support could be initiated. Presentation of the results is foreseen during the AGM in Madrid, June 2023.

*Website and communication, supervised by the EduTF: for details, please refer to point IV. of this report).*

### **III. RESEARCH PROGRAM**

#### **Research Committee (ReCo)**

Members of ReCo were confirmed by the AGM in November 2021:  
Ted Miclau (Committee Chair), Volker Alt, Peter Augat, Hamish Simpson and Esther Van Lieshout.

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The ReCo had 2 meetings in 2022.

ReCo 37<sup>th</sup> meeting took place in Vienna (Austria) on June 28, to review a total of 11 research grant applications in the area of New Technologies. Four applicants were awarded a research grant.

ReCo 38<sup>th</sup> meeting took place in Lyon (France) on November 12 and was focused on preparing for the Hot Top Workshop of 2023.

#### **Hot Topic Workshop**

The annual Hot Topic Workshop 2022 on “Clinical research changing clinical practice” brought 20 participants of various professional backgrounds together in Lyon on November 11 and 12. Topics included:

- From Clinical Studies to Clinical Practice
- Big Data and Registries
- Regulatory Requirements
- Clinical research - why do RCTs fail to achieve consensus?
- Clinical Research Topics - Moving Forward

The presentations and discussion results will be published in a supplement of Injury. The next Workshop in 2024 will address “Infection”.

Based on the Workshop, the following hot topics were identified for the 2023 Research Grants:

- 1) Improved research trial solutions for evidence-based solutions to common orthopaedic trauma problems: a) non-inferiority trials; b) Economic analyses; c) Prospective observational studies; d) Real World Data: How to best utilize large data sets and registries
  
- 2) Best practices for data sets: a) Outcome measures (for MDR/PROMIS); b) Financial information; c) Utility for development of clinical care guidelines.

#### **ReCo Research Grants**

There remain 11 grant projects in various stages of progress: four from 2022, three from 2021, two from 2019, and two from earlier years.

Eleven applications were received in 2022, four applications with the highest scores were awarded a Research Grant.

#### **Injury Supplements**

INJURY Volume 53, Supplement 3, November 2022. New Technologies in Orthopaedic Traumatology. Guest Editors: Volker Alt, Esther van Lieshout, and Theodore Miclau.

INJURY Volume 54, Supplement 1, November 2023: “Clinical research changing clinical practice”. Guest editors: Volker Alt and Hamish Simpson. This supplement will contain around 20 papers from the Lyon 2022 workshop presenters. Publication as flipbook in time for EB 2023 in Rome is planned.

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

#### **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 2023.

#### **IV. WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION**

The OTCF Website <https://otcfoundation.org/> is administrated by OTC Germany in the person of Melanie Kall (OTCF Web Manager): [admin@otcfoundation.org](mailto:admin@otcfoundation.org)

OTCF website has been totally “relooked” with a new layout bringing in light the most important information which are focused on 4 areas: Foundation, Chapters, Education and Research.

Support is provided to different OTC chapters (like Austria, Switzerland, FOT, Nordic) which have a similar backend as OTCF.

Currently, OTCF is working on a tool which will permit the chapters to advertise their courses by their own.

#### **V. CHAPTER COOPERATION**

##### **- OTC South Africa:**

Prof. Sithombo Maqungo and Dr. Jimmy Kauta, both from Cape Town, expressed their wish to join the OTCF by creating an OTC South African chapter. They identified a group of 14 surgeons interested in the project and made an official application to integrate OTCF. The application was accepted during the AGM in Vienna in June.

OTCF helped by providing the legal advices in the constitution of the chapter.

A first online OTC SA webinar on “gunshot injuries” took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Dr. Oliver Trapp, President OTCF had the pleasure to introduce OTCF and OTC SA to the audience as course introduction.

OTCF secretariat provided the logistic and administrative support in the organization with management of the meeting via the Zoom application.

For this first webinar, OTC SA had more than 90 participants and could be very proud. No doubt, that this young chapter is full of energy and motivated in education with the faculty exchange programs.

- **OTC Switzerland**

This chapter suffered a lot already before the pandemics and no activities were organized after the pandemics. The chapter was in a deep sleep, the administrative office resigned and Dr. Yvan Arlettaz (Chapter President) with a few committee members were no more able to organize courses and to hold the chapter alive.

OTCF suggested to relaunch the chapter by providing an adequate support i.e. by identifying new interested and motivated surgeons, by assisting with the administrative tasks and by relaunching the website.

Several meetings took place online and in Bern. Plenty of ideas and projects have bloomed. The motivation is strong. The road for an official relaunch is in a good way. An AGM is foreseen in June 2023 in order to elect the new Board of Directors and to start with the activities.

**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 and Audrey Chall	Education Manager & Executive secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force Education program management</li> <li>• Education event organization</li> <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 Manager	<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, June 2023  
Margot HAMM,

Education Manager &  
Executive Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margot Hamm', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.