



Osteosynthesis &
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I would like to first wish all OTC members around the globe a late Happy New Year. I feel that 2019 represents a year of great opportunity for the OTC Foundation. I hope many of you will take advantage of the programs in education that the OTC Foundation and its Chapters have to offer.

The Education Committee continues to grow adding new members and forging further into alternative forms of education to include webinars. OTC Spain continues to lead the way with another webinar targeting the Iberian Peninsula, Central and South America. The OTC Foundation and its Chapters successfully put on 74 courses around the world in 2018. We strive to top 80 courses in 2019. Few not-for-profit orthopaedic organizations in the world can boast such a large and diverse list of courses sponsored, and this represents the hallmark accomplishment for which this organization should be quite proud.

With the roll out of our new website in late 2018, we are now in the process of beta-testing individual Chapters adopting the website platform for their individual Chapter use. Currently the OTC United States (FOT) is converting to this platform with the hope of having it up and running in the next two months. This platform has many nice features for Chapters including the ability to allow those who visit the site to make a philanthropic gift to the individual Chapter if they so desire. The website will also soon include the link to allow chapters to use the on-line course evaluation platform developed by OTC Germany. This will allow for a very efficient means for course leaders to obtain near immediate feedback from participants. It allows for course evaluations to be done as the course is occurring.

The Research Committee (RECO) has remained quite active and productive. It is anticipated that in late Spring the highly successful InjurySupplement, Complications of Fracture Healing, will be published. Currently, articles are already being collected and edited from the November Toronto Workshop for the 2020 InjurySupplement. The textbook, The Coordination of Clinical Research: A Handbook for Research Coordinators, edited by Mo Bhandari and Esther van Lieshout has an anticipated publication date of early 2020. It represents the first of its kind textbook on the subject. This is testament to how innovative and progressive RECO is, and under Theodore Miclau's leadership remains at the forefront of basic and clinical research internationally.

The OTC Leadership Forum will occur once again in Amsterdam on June 20 and 21. The agenda has now been finalized and promises to be an exciting program.

I hope again that all of you will remain active in your Chapters and continue to contribute to the global mission of the Osteosynthesis and Trauma Care Foundation. Thank you again.



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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS



OTC NORDIC

The three OTC presidents of the Nordic chapters, accompanied by board members, joined forces during the first weekend of February. Main topic were the advanced trauma courses with cadaveric dissections held annually at Sahlgrenska University Hospital near Gothenburg. The next one will be on lower leg and foot trauma, September 12 and 13, directed by Ante Kalstad; details from info@otc-nordic.com. Case controversies on some 20 challenging trauma cases completed the meeting.



OTC GERMANY

The board of AIOD Germany decided to align themselves to the corporate image of the OTC Global Alliance and changed its name into OTC Germany with a new logo.

OTC SPAIN

Another webinar advanced course is planned for November 2019 on “Updates to optimize the assistance of polytraumatized patients”. Surgeons from the Iberian Peninsula, Central America and South America are invited to participate. For this purpose and for other training courses a new collaboration agreement has been developed by Enrique Guerado between OTC Spain and SECOT, the Sociedad Española de Cirugía Ortopédica y Traumatología. This could serve as a model for OTC chapters in other countries.

CHAPTER WEBSITES

After launch of the revised OTC Foundation website in 2018 a program for the creation or modification of chapter websites has been launched. While websites for FOT North America and OTC France are nearing completion, new projects were initiated for OTC Nordic and OTC Switzerland.

NEWS FROM TASK FORCE EDUCATION (TF EDU)



The group met on February 28th under the chairmanship of Enrique Guerado at Amsterdam Schiphol for a program planning meeting. The group was expanded and includes now Micha Holla (OTC Netherlands), Rikke Thorninger (OTC Denmark), Taco Blokhuis (OTC Netherlands), Melanie Kall (OTC Germany), Enrique Guerado (OTC Spain), Margot Hamm (AIOD Strasbourg) and Oliver Trapp (OTC Germany).

The 2019 work program was agreed to include a webinar course, webcasts, online course evaluation, exchange of chapter course faculty, new visualization techniques, and a review of wet lab facilities. The task force will report to the General Assembly and also mount a demonstration of visualization techniques.



PLANNING FOR THE JUNE 2019 MEETINGS IN AMSTERDAM

The annual meetings will be according to the following schedule:

- Research Committee on 18th June
- Board of Trustees on 19th June
- Executive Board on 19th June
- General Assembly on 20th June
- Leadership Forum on 20th and 21st June

The detailed program will be posted on the OTCF website in due course. All meetings are invitational only and participants have been invited accordingly.

The venue will again be the Hotel Double Tree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraalstation.

NEWS FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE (RECO)

REMINDER: The deadline for submission of Grant Applications is 15th April.

Evaluation and selection of grants to be awarded takes place at the forthcoming RECO meeting on 18th June in Amsterdam.

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP WITH FFN

The OTC Foundation is actively exchanging information about upcoming FFN (Fragility Fracture Network) events through our website's calendar.

The direct link to the FFN Global Congress 2019 is <https://otcfoundation.org/event/ffn2019/>



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