



EDUCATION

OTC Fragility Fractures Course (Sawbone)

Date: February 3-4, 2011

Location: Houston, Texas

Registration: <http://bit.ly/hrwuZK>

OTC Fractures around the Lower Limb:

Date: March 24-25, 2011

Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Registration: TBA

OTC Fragility Fractures Course (Sawbone):

Date: April 7-8, 2011

Location: Gothenburg, Sweden

Registration: TBA

For more registration information, please visit the OTC Foundation website or contact OTCF Education Manger, Petra Fischer by email at:

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RESEARCH

OTC Clinical Symposium Held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

In the first week of November 2010, the OTC Foundation, in partnership with the Asociación Mexicana de Ortopedia y Traumatología (AMOT), sponsored a Clinical Research Symposium.



This course was offered the day prior to AMOT's Annual Meeting, the second largest in Latin America, and attracted over 75 participants. The faculty consisted of Orthopaedic Surgeons with expertise in clinical trial design and included Mohit Bhandari, MD, PhD, Theodore Miclau, MD, Saam Morshed, MD, PhD, Ricardo Pietrobon, MD, and Emil Schemitsch, MD.

17th RECO Meeting Held in Munich, Germany

On November 19, 2010, the committee met to review 23 research grants and six young investigator pre-proposals.

The committee also drew up a three-year plan of research activities including annual courses on clinical research for surgeons, research fellowships for young scientists and surgeons, workshops on hot topics such as numerical modeling methods, and research symposia on topics such as fragility fractures and their biomechanical aspects. The committee also reviewed its composition of experts with clinical, experimental, biomechanical and other backgrounds.

The chair will pass on from Prof. Peter Patka, who will be joining the EXCO, to Prof. Ted Miclau from the San Francisco General Hospital, as of January 1st, 2011.

Biomechanics Program Presented in Boston.

Chaired by Prof. Peter Augat of Germany, 18 orthopaedic surgeons, biomechanical

engineers and computer scientists presented numerical models for fracture prediction, fracture treatment and fracture healing assessment. Following one and a half days of high-quality scientific debates, discussions concentrated on numerical modeling tools to support decision making in fracture treatment and early inclusion of numerical biomechanics in education and teaching.

INSIGHTS

Season's Greetings!



On behalf of the OTC Foundation Trustees and the Scientific Committees, we would like to wish our global members and their families a very joyous and peaceful holiday season. May it be filled with health, happiness and prosperity - now as well as into the New Year!

It remains a privilege for us to work with world-class surgeons and scientists dedicated to collaborations in excellence. We look forward to expand further our services and contacts, also with the OTC Chapters, and to support progress in education and research.

Best wishes,
Your OTCF Team in Switzerland