



## EDUCATION

### OTC Advanced Course on Fragility Fractures in Houston, TX December 5-6, 2011

This Houston course was the last course of a series of three, previously held in Sweden and in Singapore. There were over 30 participants representing many countries including the US, Venezuela, Tanzania and Saudi Arabia. Chairmen, Dr. Kyle Dickson (Houston), and Dr. Jean-Marc Féron (France), were guiding the excellent program together with a high-calibre international faculty. Many aspects were addressed, including the ortho-geriatric co-management of the whole fractured patient. Focusing on technical improvements in osteoporotic bone fixation, the course also covered placement for conservative treatment as well as replacement surgery. In addition to lectures, sawbone workshops and case discussions were presented, where participants actively participated.

### OTC Fractures around the Foot and Ankle Course in Hong Kong, October 22-23, 2011 & Lucerne, November 21-22, 2011

These two courses, focusing on fractures around the Foot and Ankle (including cadaver workshop sessions in operating laboratories), were the final two courses in a series of three, held on three different continents. This model has proven very successful and both courses were fully booked.



The Lucerne chairmen Prof. Jean-Luc Besse (Lyon) and Dr. Marino Delmi (Geneva), as well as the Hong Kong Course Chairman, Dr. Ning Tang (Hong Kong) and renowned international faculty effectively guided the participants through

both courses.

Focusing on technical tricks and pitfalls, the courses also covered the different options for fracture management in routine and complex foot and ankle injuries. The hands-on cadaver workshops allowed participants ample opportunities to improve their skills on approaches and fracture fixation.

### First OTC Workshop on Functional Assessment of Fracture Healing in Barcelona, October 21-22, 2011

Dr. Michael Bottlang (Portland) brought together a selected group of 32 orthopaedic surgeons and engineering scientists to address the persistent subjectivity and variability in clinical assessment of fracture healing. The objective was to define clinical methods and challenges, share innovative approaches, as well as reviewing strategies to implement novel approaches in clinical trials and practices. A second workshop is planned for the fall of 2012 in North America.

## RESEARCH

### OTC Course on Principles of Clinical Research in Murnau November 7-8, 2011



Under the chairmanship of Prof. Peter Augat (Murnau) and Dr. Rudolf Poolman (Amsterdam), a total of 38 participants were introduced to clinical research study design, the concept of randomized and non-randomized studies, outcome assessment

methods and other application aspects. A faculty of six, coming from four different countries guided the participants through the principles and their practical applications. Several breakout groups stimulated debates among the participants from different backgrounds, representing six European countries. The series of underlying methodology textbooks will be expanded in 2012.

### New Website: ORTHOEVIDENCE

We would like to introduce you to a new website, which allows surgeons and residents in orthopaedics to receive regular evidence summaries of the best papers published in orthopaedics each month. It is called: ORTHOEVIDENCE ([www.myorthovidence.com](http://www.myorthovidence.com)). It has a rapidly growing user base and we would like to invite you to take a moment to sign up for immediate access to the BEST EVIDENCE in orthopaedics. The sign up is FREE, with no hidden costs and the site is completely academically funded.

## INSIGHTS

### OTC Outlook and Gratitude from the Board of Trustees

This year was a big challenge; not only for the world economy but also for our Foundation. Because of these challenges our founder decided to reassess the collaboration with the Foundation. This resulted in the unfortunate release of staff members. The Board of Trustees specially thanks the staff for their great work and dedication to the Foundation and wishes everyone success in their future endeavors.

Today, we can inform you that the Executive Committee together with the Board of Trustees will meet in February 2012 to discuss collaborations with our Founder. The Annual General Meeting will be organized in Berlin from June 21 to June 22, 2012.

The Board of Trustees wishes you a cheerful holiday season and a Happy New Year. We want to thank you, our valued members, for your commitment, performance and your very personal contributions to the success of the OTC Foundation. We look forward to continuing our good work together in the New Year!