



INSIGHTS

Info from the Executive Committee

“Following recent discussions concerning the status of OTCF’s 2012 Budget, the Executive Committee (EXCO) strongly expresses its commitment to the preservation of the organization and its mission. Therefore, EXCO is in discussion with several stakeholders and an update will follow in the next edition of this newsletter.”

EDUCATION

Basic OTC Course / Curso Basico OTC

Date: October 27-28, 2011

Location: Madrid, Spain

Contact: spain@otcfoundation.org

Note: This course will be conducted in Spanish without translation

OTC Advanced Fragility Fractures Course (Sawbone)

Date: December 5-6, 2011

Location: Houston, Texas

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OTC Advanced Course on Fragility Fractures Held in Singapore



On September 1-2, 2011, OTC held an Advanced Fragility Fracture Course in Singapore complete with sawbone workshops. Co-chaired by Dr. Ho Poh Wong of Singapore and Prof. Jean-Marc Féron of France, the course

focused on technical improvements in osteoporotic bone fixation. Ten faculty member representing the Pacific Rim region were present and over 30 participants from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia and Japan took part in the workshops. In addition to lectures and case discussions, participants could improve their fracture fixation skills in sawbone workshops. Beside updating their knowledge on osteoporotic fracture treatment, participants were also grateful for the international atmosphere and the close contact and intense discussions with the faculty members.

RESEARCH

Clinical Research Symposium Held in Cuba



In June, the OTCF sponsored a Clinical Research Symposium at the Centro de Investigaciones Médico-Quirúrgicas (CIMEQ) hospital in Havana. Over 150 health professionals attended the course taught in conjunction with a national

orthopaedic trauma course instructed by an international faculty from Latin America. This was the second module of the course series in Spanish, which like the first module, provides a template for future courses in Latin America and Spain. In collaboration with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Program for Health Diplomacy and Medical Education in Cuba, the effectiveness of the course was studied through a questionnaire-based research project. The international faculty consisted of Orthopaedic Surgeons with expertise in clinical trial design and included Theodore Miclau, MD, Saam Morshed, MD, PhD, Brad Petrisor, MD, and Daniel Whelan, PhD.

HUMANITARIAN

OTCF Co-Sponsored Event in San Francisco

For the second year in a row, the Institute for Global Orthopaedics & Traumatology (IGOT) organized a combination of training courses in San Francisco, CA from September 11-13, 2011. OTCF was a co-sponsor for this unique event that actively supports humanitarian projects and activities. Courses focused on Soft Tissue Reconstruction and Local Wound Management. Over three days, more than 50 attendees representing such diverse countries as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Haiti, and Uganda gathered at the IGOT facilities located at the San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) and Trauma Center. There during cadaver workshops they practiced flap techniques for upper and lower extremities. With an increasing global healthcare disparity for musculoskeletal and traumatic injuries and disorders, IGOT uniquely addresses the need to create a sustainable infrastructure. “The beauty of this educational activity is that these surgeons can now return home; and teach their peers, spreading knowledge in the ways most effective in reaching the maximum number of people,said OTCF Int’l Relations Manager, Tatjana Topalovic.”