

## New ExCo Liaisons

After meeting in Barcelona on April 2, the Executive Committee has accepted specific oversight duties to ensure that OTC activities are implemented effectively.

Each ExCo member now acts as a "Liaison" to each Committee and Program:

- M. Rosenwasser for all Education activities;
- V. Buehren for the International Trauma Symposia;
- E. Schemitsch for all Research activities;
- KS Leung for the Hyperguide & Fragility Fractures Forum; and,
- G. Taglang for Education Fellowships.

## Chapter Changes

Each OTC Chapter must implement the following 6 points by June 2010:

1. Be a Legal Entity with an Independent Board of Health Care Professionals.
2. Use a "Grant Agreement" with a Work Plan & Budget.
3. Use a "Services Agreement" for any External Admin & Management Support.
4. Use Approved Legal Documents including Surgeon Contracts, Invoices & the OTC Code of Conduct.

5. Legally Change their Name to "OTC-Country".

6. Comply with Conditions for Membership in the OTC "Charter Agreement".

## Italian Humanitarian Grant

The OTC has awarded a \$4000 Humanitarian Grant to our OTC Chapter in Italy to support their long-term initiative in Africa.

For many years our Italian colleagues have run annual Missions to Africa to undertake orthopedic training and education at various hospitals.

## Orthobiologics Course

The OTC held its first Surgeon Course focused on orthobiologics at the TCI in Nice on April 14-15.

Lead by Course Director Peter Giannoudis (Leeds), the program included a focus on the principles of the "Diamond Concept": osteoinduction, osteoconduction and osteogenesis as they relate to mechanical stability.

## AGM & Leadership Forum

OTC Chapter Presidents, Key Opinion Leaders and High Potential Young Surgeons will gather June 26-28 at the Le Meridien Hotel in Juan-les-Pins near Nice, France.

## **From the Director**

We are finalizing details for our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Leadership Forum since formal creation as a Swiss Foundation.

From June 26-28 we will have Surgeons from our 19 Country Chapters and at least 7 countries interested in forming new Chapters. We expect a truly remarkable and enjoyable gathering!

At the AGM, presentations will be given by each Committee and Program, along with an accounting by the OTC Executive Committee.

Evenings are reserved for renewing friendships and welcoming new colleagues.

The OTC Foundation looks forward to your participation in our annual flagship event!

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Our Mission is to advance osteosynthesis and trauma care through research, education and best clinical practices.

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