

## Annual General Meeting

OTC-Country Chapter Presidents gathered at the TCI in Nice on June 26 for the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) since legal formation of the OTC.

An update from the 3 Board of Trustees was given, as well as from each education and research program.

A stirring presentation on the OTC-supported Humanitarian Mission to India of M. Bhandari (Toronto) closed the event.



Executive Committee & Director

## OTC Leadership Forum

95 Surgeons from 24 countries participated in our Leadership Forum featuring Outside Experts P. Regazzoni (Basel) and H. C. Pape (Pittsburgh).

The challenging and collegial debate was overseen by Program Chair E. Schemitsch (Toronto).

## OTC Website Live!

[www.otcfoundation.org](http://www.otcfoundation.org).

## Chapter Membership

During the AGM each Chapter received a binder of the legal documents and policies of the OTC Foundation required for formal Membership in the OTC Foundation.

The objective is for all OTC-Country Chapters to implement these documents during the transition to legal independence by June 2010.

## Outstanding Service Award

K.S. Leung (Hong Kong) received the tribute of our first "Outstanding Service Award".

Starting a new tradition, this acknowledgment honors an Individual who demonstrates by professional example & personal action a commitment to the global Mission of the OTC.

## OTC President's Award

Viva Italia! G. Longo, President of OTC-Italy, accepted the first "President's Award" honoring a Chapter that personifies OTC's Mission.

This award acknowledges the collective efforts of our members in Italy for their combined contribution to education, research & humanitarian action.

## From the Director

Ethical guidelines applicable to the medical device industry played a role in the late change in venue of our 2009 AGM & Leadership Forum.

It is anticipated that historic sponsorship for Health Care Professional participation in 3<sup>rd</sup> Party events may be prohibited or curtailed, with the exception of Faculty.

President M. Rosenwasser has committed to clarify this matter to ensure future disruptions are avoided.

Further, these changes stress the necessity to transition to legally separate OTC-Chapters and move to annual grant funding based on Work Plans and Budgets.

Please contact me with any questions.

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

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