

### **New Activities in China!**

Post-Olympic excitement continues in Beijing as we launch surgeon activities in September that will be known as "OTC-China".

The current legal setting in China does not allow for creation of a separate legal entity. Thus, OTC Foundation has received a Grant from Stryker China to undertake surgeon activities in-country.

Formation of a separate legal entity in China is expected in the future which will allow OTC-China to operate independently as required of all Chapters.

### **June 2009 AGM & Leadership Forum**

We can confirm that our AGM & Leadership Forum for 2009 will be held in Nice on June 25-26.

Location details are being negotiated to include all events at a single site.

Committees will meet the day prior at the TCI and Chapters are invited to hold working sessions.

### **OTC in Brazil**

Executive Committee member G. Taglang (Strasbourg) will represent the OTC Foundation at the launch of OTC activities in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

A 2-day kick-off event is planned for September 18-19 and will include an education seminar on traumatology.

### **Fall Education Courses**

OTC Surgeon Education resumes at the TCI on September 1 with a week of programs focused on upper extremities and lead by O. Trapp (Murnau) & F. Stockmans (Brussels).

In November M. Bhandari (Toronto) will direct a course on Hip Fractures.

Strasbourg will host an international event overseen by G. Taglang for a 3-day program for Operating Theatre Staff with a special focus on locked nailing and external fixation.

Details and registration are on the OTC Website: [www.otcfoundation.org](http://www.otcfoundation.org).

### **On-Line Questionnaire for Chapter Information**

As part of organizational due diligence we will soon begin gathering key Chapter information related to legal status, financial operations and details of membership.

An on-line questionnaire is being finalized to allow each Chapter to enter all requested information. This data will then be updated annually for our records.

### **From the Director**

As summer draws to a close, OTC activities commence with surgeon courses at the TCI in September & November.

Several OTC Chapters, notably, Germany, Russia and the UK will hold education events at the TCI in the coming months.

Our 2009 Annual Grant has been submitted to Stryker and is being considered during their budget cycle. A definitive answer is expected by November.

Apropos, each Chapter is strongly encouraged to clarify 2009 funding now.

This should include sending 2-3 members to our June AGM & Leadership Forum.

As always, contact me with any questions.

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