



## EDUCATION

### OTC Advanced Course: Fractures Around the Knee:

Date: September 13-14

Location: Lucerne, Switzerland

Registration: <http://bit.ly/99FINV>

### OTC Advanced Course: Fractures Around the Elbow:

Date: November 25-26

Location: Lucerne, Switzerland

Registration: <http://bit.ly/bmfeTd>

For more registration information, please visit the OTC Foundation website or contact OTCF Education Manager by email Petra Fischer at:

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## RESEARCH

### OTCF Holds Clinical Research Course in Havana

In cooperation with the Orthopaedic Surgery Department at the CIMEQ Hospital in Havana, Cuba, the OTCF organized a one-day introductory course on principles and practice of clinical research on June 2, 2010.

Under the leadership of Prof. Theodore Miclau (UCSF, San Francisco), an international faculty of experts from Canada, Mexico, and USA, taught subjects such as evidence-based orthopaedics, various clinical study designs, systematic review, statistical basics, multicenter research, outcome measures, and how to set up ethics approval for clinical studies.

Over 140 participants from different medical specialties and locations were in attendance. Comprised of clinical research lectures from OTC courses and textbook and translated into Spanish by Cuban experts, a valuable methodology textbook was prepared for this course. This Spanish textbook will be used in another OTC course on clinical research in Mexico on November 2010.



In collaboration with UCSF and AMOT, the same faculty will be used for the Mexico course. Additionally, a practical follow-up course will take place in Cuba in 2011, thus laying the groundwork for a series of OTC courses on clinical research in Latin America.

A third Clinical Research Course addressing European surgeons and scientists will be held at Imperial College London, September 23-25, 2010. Places are still available and details for registration are given on the OTC website (<http://bit.ly/bhXqGJ>)

## INSIGHTS

### OTCF Holds 2010 Annual General Meeting in Amsterdam

The OTC Foundation (OTCF) held its **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on June 24, 2010 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.



Chapter presidents and representatives from 22 countries attended this year's event. OTCF Board of Trustees Chairman, Emanuel Zloczower (Switzerland); Host Chapter President, A.B. van Vugt (Netherlands); and OTCF Executive Committee Chairman, Melvin Rosenwasser (USA), opened the meeting.

Themes addressed included past and future plans surrounding Education, Research and Humanitarian activities. General strategies and best practices designed to forge greater cooperation between OTCF, OTC Chapters and its members were also presented and discussed. The **Leadership Forum (LF)** entitled, "New Concepts in the Management of Fragility Fractures," followed the AGM and brought together more than 60 health care professionals, surgeons, scientists, and managers. The sessions ended with intensely discussed presentations on difficult cases.

Various other meetings were conducted during the three-day gathering, including reports on OTCF Research Grants.