

## OTC CHAPTER INFORMATION

### OTC Chile - One Mission

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Prof. Dr. Ernesto Besserer

Four years ago, AIOD Germany first contacted Chilean colleague Prof. Dr. Ernesto Besserer from Concepcion, Chile. At this time he was the president of the Chilean Association for Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery (SCHOT) and was interested in the AIOD with the intention of establishing an organization as the OTC Chapter in Chile.



We provided him with all necessary information about the AIOD and were able to get him into contact with the OTC Foundation in Nice.

In fall 2007, R. Schnettler, K. Westermann and W. Roth were invited to the annual meeting of SCHOT in Vina del Mar and were able to present as guest speakers.

Moreover, they informed the Chilean colleagues about the goal of our association and about the possibilities of establishing a Chilean chapter.



At this point, Ernesto Besserer had already gathered 15 colleagues, who were enthusiastic about founding a Chilean OTC Chapter.

In December 2008, two events in Santiago and Concepcion took place, where V. Bühren, R. Schnettler, K. Westermann and W. Roth explained this special form of advanced training, complete with identical content workshops to the Chilean colleagues of the OTC.

After completing preparatory work with AIOD Germany, along with repeated visits from president Besserer in Nice, the Chilean OTC Chapter was ready. During a visit from OTC Foundation President Melvin Rosenwasser to Santiago, Chile, in September 2009, OTC Chile was established.

OTC Chile first convened during the annual meeting of the SCHOT in Vina del Mar in November 2009.

V. Bühren, W. Mittelmeier, J. Franke, K. Westermann and W. Roth were integrated into a full-day congress about lower extremities as well as the half-day nurses' course.

Because of the good feedback from both congresses (70 participants during the full-day congress and 50 participants during the half-day nurses' course) as well as the agile discussions, it can be said that the Chilean OTC will have a positive development.

Partnerships such as these, with an established OTC Chapter, are a good way for the development of new Chapters in different countries.

## INSIGHTS

### Casual Moment at OTCF Bern Office

Prior to a regular group meeting, OTCF staff members R. Helmer, K. Wyss, P. Fischer, C. Moncel and O. Ulrich pose for a quick photo outside the Bern office. The staff looks forward to working with all chapter members worldwide.

