

2nd East-Meets-West

Dubrovnik, Croatia is the site for the 2nd regional trauma symposium to be held on May 2-3.

Hosted by Croatian Chapter President Dragan Djurdjevik, topics include the Proximal Humerus, Elbow & Distal Forearm and Polytrauma Management.

OTC is supporting 4 Faculty in a program designed to share the rich history and experience from across the western and eastern regions of Europe.

Biomechanics Integration

The activities of the "Biomechanical Platform" headed by Peter Augat (Murnau) are now formally integrated into the overall Research Committee after their meeting on March 4 in San Francisco.

Courses, Fellowships and Grants for both Basic and Biomechanical Research are now offered following harmonized procedures.

First Education Fellowship!

Nikica Darabos of Croatia is the 1st OTC Education Fellow and will spend 2 weeks this month in New York City observing the dynamic practice of Mel Rosenwasser who serves as President of our US Chapter and the OTC.

New Nordic Chapters

Plans for new OTC Chapters in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark are underway!

These Nordic countries will be represented as "Chapters in Formation" by Surgeons attending our AGM & Leadership Forum.

Nurses Train-the-Trainer

May 12-14 is the first OTC Educational Course in a "Train the Trainer" format designed specifically for the medical education of operating theatre staff.

Based upon requests for support from the eastern regions of Europe, this course includes Grants to cover airfare of delegates.

As a positive sign of Chapter support, Faculty for this course is donated by OTC-United Kingdom.

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 Nice, France.

To add spirit to the debate 2 "Outside Experts" have been invited to speak: H.C. Pape of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Pietro Regazzoni of Universitätsspital, Basel.

Please confirm attendance!

From the Director

Spring promotes new activity.

Research Grants are being evaluated and awarded, the 1st Education Fellowship has occurred, and Surgeon and Nurses Courses are starting.

Collaboration with Local Chapters is setting precedent with a regional symposia and the contribution of Chapter Faculty to a Foundation Nurses Course.

We will formally report to you on our initial progress at our AGM, which is followed by our lively and collegial Leadership Forum, 6.26-28.

Our sustained evolution is only ensured by the continued participation and dedication of You - our Surgeon Members!

With appreciation for our current and future success,

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

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