

Greek Evolution!

Our colleagues in Greece recently took action to change their name and harmonize their structure to reflect the independent stature of OTC. Now known locally as "OTC Hellas", Christos Garnavos was elected the new President, replacing "AIOD Hellas" President Georgios Anastopoulos. We thank our friends for both current and historical leadership!

ITS Barcelona: April 3-4

It's not too late! Please join us for a lively and collegial gathering to share best practices and fraternity in Barcelona, April 3-4. Register on-line: www.itsbarcelona.com.

Fragility Fracture Forum

Under the leadership of KS Leung (Hong Kong), OTC is launching a new initiative focused on osteoporosis. The "Fragility Fracture Forum" (FFF) focuses broadly on all aspects of osteoporosis, including prevention and treatment. The first FFF will occur during the ITS in Barcelona on April 4. A second FFF is scheduled at the TCI for November 8.

OTC Website

In March we launch our new OTC Website. Designed to be a primary communication tool, our

Website is the home for all info, applications and registrations for Courses, Fellowships and Grants.

Surgeon Courses

For 2008, OTC has planned 6 Surgeon Courses to be held at the TCI:

1. 5-6 June, Polytrauma & Damage Control;
2. 11-13 June, Foot & Ankle;
3. 30 June-1 July, Knee;
4. 1-2 Sept., Shoulder;
5. 3-5 Sept., Distal Radius;
6. 6-7 Nov., Hip.

Clinical Research Course

Amsterdam is the site for our "Principles and Practice of Clinical Research" Course.

Chaired by M. Bhandari (Toronto), the event occurs April 16-18. On-line registration now available.

AGM & Leadership Forum

Please confirm your attendance at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Leadership Forum.

Starting at 17:00 on Thursday, June 26 and finishing mid-day Saturday, June 28, the event occurs near Nice at Le Meridien in Juan Les Pins, France.

With Speakers from 15 Countries, topics include:
- Polytrauma Management,
- Upper Extremity Trauma, &
- Periprosthetic Fractures.

From the Director

Great results have been achieved as we enter our first months of operation.

A 3-year timeframe exists for all Chapters to transition to the formal operating and organizational structure required by the OTC.

With leadership by Belgium, Netherlands and most recently Greece, historical Chapters are making the following changes:

1. Independent Board of Health Care Professionals;
2. Grant Agreement;
3. Services Agreement;
4. Standard Legal Documents (Contract, Code of Conduct, Invoice Forms).

Please let me know if you require sample documents or additional clarification.

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

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