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OTCF President

#### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I hope this finds all members well. The OTC has met several milestones this year. The year has been quite productive and we have several other projects we wish to get accomplished before the General Assembly in June.

The new OTC website is launched and active. I urge all of you to log on to the site and keep up to date with current activities of the OTC. I urge you to provide us feedback on any suggestions you might have regarding the website as we wish to make this as interactive as possible. We are hopeful that in 2019 we can provide a successful web platform for its Chapters to use, thereby providing a cost-effective interactive website for all OTC Chapters.

The OTC Executive Board has changed its way of operation to be more responsive to its members' needs, and to speed up the workflow of the OTC Foundation. We are now having an Executive Board Meeting every two months via video teleconference so as to keep a constant workflow occurring. We are hopeful this will allow far greater productivity by the OTC Foundation for its members.

The OTC is also actively involved in the further expansion and creation of new Chapters around the world. It is hoped that by the General Assembly we can announce the creation of two new Chapters. We feel there are many parts of our world that have not received the representation needed, and it is hoped that the creation of such new Chapters might help address this.

The Education Task Force has been quite active in the incorporation of newer methods of education to be made available to our Chapters. We now have an online Course Evaluation Platform and are working toward the development of other educational methods into the OTC Education Program. For the calendar year 2018, at least 75 OTC Foundation sponsored and Chapter sponsored courses occurred around the world. This represents probably the greatest strength of the OTC: its expertise and talent in providing quality education in orthopaedic trauma around the world. We represent one of the most successful orthopaedic organizations globally in carrying out this mission.

Lastly, I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and hope you all have a successful and healthful New Year to come. I invite you all to become more active individually in the OTC and support its over 4,000 surgeon strong membership.

Thank you again,  
David Lowenberg



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# NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

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## OTC FRANCE

The Annual Course in Traumatology took place in Nice from October 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> under the chairmanship of Prof. Jean-Marc Féron and Dr. Gilbert Taglang. The course counted 200 participants from France, Germany and Switzerland. Topics of the course were focused on distal radius fractures, shoulder traumatism and long bone non-unions, and were complemented by case discussions and workshops. The 2019 course will take place in Grenoble from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.



## AIOD STRASBOURG

The annual international improvement course on locking nailing and external fixation techniques was held in Strasbourg at the Centre Culturel Saint-Thomas, from December 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> for nurses, residents and op staff. Fifteen faculty members taught a total of 102 participants from 7 countries. This bilingual French/English course was accompanied by workshops on sawbones to familiarize participants with the techniques involved.

## OTC SPAIN

On September 28<sup>th</sup> Prof. Enrique Guerado became the 37<sup>th</sup> President of Sociedad Española de Cirugía Ortopédica y Traumatología (SECOT). The OTC community acknowledges the honor dedicated to one of its distinguished members of the OTCF Executive Board and past president of OTC Spain.

**NOTE YOUR CALENDAR: This course will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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# NEWS FROM THE OTCF RESEARCH COMMITTEE (RECO)

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The annual “Hot Topic” workshop on “Optimizing Patient’s Function after Musculoskeletal Trauma” was held in Toronto, Canada, from November 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> with 25 presenters and 10 additional participants from the Toronto area orthopaedic research community. The workshop participants identified topics for future research on this hot topic. Results of the workshop will be published in the OTCF series of INJURY Supplement.

Based upon the workshop RECO invites proposals for the 2019 research grant cycle in the following areas:

- Assessment of surgical patient selection post-trauma and post-traumatic psychosocial recovery strategies
- Evaluation of physical and patient-reported outcome measures
- Programmatic rehabilitative approaches to optimize post-operative patient outcomes following fracture treatment.
- Articular recovery following injury: maintenance of chondrocyte health, importance of articular joint surface restoration, and technological tools to achieve and assess articular reduction
- Optimization of geriatric patient outcomes following fragility fractures

The deadline for proposal submission is 15 April 2019. Further details and application forms are given on the OTCF website under Research > Research Grants. Questions to be addressed to [research.grants@otcfoundation.org](mailto:research.grants@otcfoundation.org)

# NEWS FROM THE OTC FOUNDATION

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The OTCF Executive Board (EB) convened its 2018/2019 mid-term meeting in conjunction with the workshop in Toronto on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The EB received reports from the Task Force Education and Task Force Communication/Marketing, reviewed progress and advised on immediate activities to be undertaken. The status of OTC Chapters under review were analyzed and recommendations to the General Assembly 2019 made. The next GA/LF session will take place in Amsterdam, June 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. The workplan and budget 2019 was approved for submission to the grantor.

After the departure of Laurant Salihi the OTCF engaged in September Mrs. Isabelle Thürlemann as new Executive Secretary of the foundation. She holds a Master of Law degree. Welcome to the Swiss team!



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