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## Notes from San Diego and Beyond

After over six years and 22 issues of the *OTA Fracture Lines* newsletter, Dr. Craig S. Roberts is turning over the duties of Editor beginning with this issue. Craig has done a superb job of producing the OTA newsletter including winning the Award for Publication Excellence in 2004. Please feel free to contact me at any time with comments, suggestions or requests for information you would like included in the newsletter. I look forward to keeping you abreast of upcoming events, Board of Directors' activities, and high points within the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Inside we have an exciting issue for you. Look for the new "President's Corner" with a column by Jeffrey O. Anglen. Also, we will occasionally run a "Spotlight On..." column highlighting activities and areas of the OTA website you may not be too familiar with. This month we cover the Clinical and Research Mentor Programs. Let's show support to the younger members and sign up to be mentors. See inside for details.

At the Annual AAOS Meeting in San Diego, the OTA was well represented. There were five trauma symposiums, 18 instructional course lectures, one Presidents symposium and one surgical skills section co-branded by the OTA. OTA's Specialty Day 2007 was a hit; the program was entitled "Outside the Box: Non-Academic Medical Center Trauma." Overall, the venue in San Diego was beautiful and all the attendees escaping from the snow storms in the northeast were grateful for the break in the weather.

Inside this newsletter we have reports from the Board of Directors meeting at the AAOS, Committee Reports and updates from the AAOS Meeting, OTA Residents Course and information about our annual upcoming meeting in Boston, MA on October 18 – 20, 2007. Mark your calendars now. Paul Tornetta will be the local host and the Program Committee under the direction of Andrew H. Schmidt has an exciting meeting planned. A record number of abstracts were received. Look for further information in this issue.

See you in Boston!

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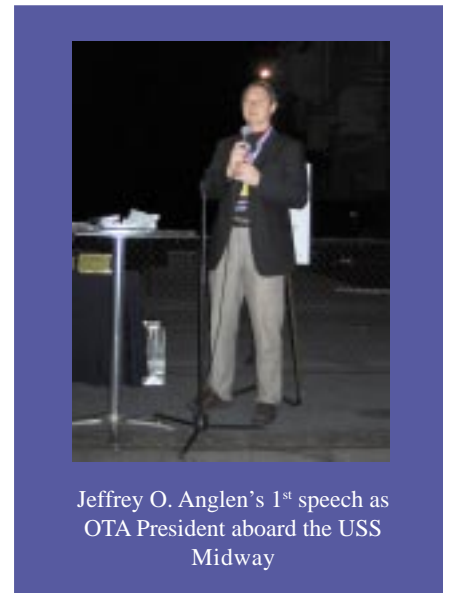
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Jeffrey O. Anglen's 1<sup>st</sup> speech as  
OTA President aboard the USS  
Midway

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Jeffrey Anglen, MD

It was a great thrill for me to accept the gavel from Mike Bosse on board the USS Midway during our OTA member's reception after Specialty Day in San Diego. As daunting as it is to follow two great Presidents like Mike and Paul Tornetta, I am encouraged by their continued involvement and support, as well as the talents and enthusiasm of the two President-elects, Tracy Watson and Dave Templeman. They truly form an "all star" team which will make my job easy. The success and respect that OTA has in the orthopaedic community is due to the many great leaders we have as committee chairs and members, our tremendous staff, and the talents and energy of our members. Membership Chair Dave Karges reports that our membership has increased to over 800, including 84 members on active duty military service, 369 Active Members, 49 Associate Members, 126 Community Members, 70 International Members and 127 Candidate Members and 9 Research Members.

I want to let you know about some of our ongoing projects and successes. The education committee, lead by Mike Baumgaertner, continues to produce courses and content that are the envy of other specialty societies. The Advanced Trauma Techniques Course for Residents was last month in Chicago (see inside for exciting details). This course, along with the Fall Comprehensive Fracture Course for Residents, directed by Kevin Pugh and Steven Morgan and the Resident Lecture Series (available on the OTA website), chaired by David Teague, have established OTA as a premier provider of resident education. The Comprehensive Trauma Course produced in partnership with the AAOS has just completed another great run. Thanks to all the volunteers who served as faculty for courses and authors for publication projects – the extremely high quality of your work has made OTA the "go to" source for ortho trauma educational content.

Our research fund continues to grow under the stewardship of CFO Alan Jones, thanks to the many members who donate each year and to our corporate partners. Last year, as you know, we began a new, somewhat experimental program with OREF. Donors to the OREF at the "Order of Merit" level (\$1000) have always been able to designate 50% of their donation to go to a specialty society. In the new program, thanks to the initiative and leadership of Michael J. Bosse working with the OREF, new donors at lower levels will be

able to designate to OTA a portion (40%) of their donation. Our goal is to build to 100% participation of the society. The members of the OTA Board and the committee chairs kicked off the campaign by personally pledging \$1000 apiece. Despite a late start in 2006 with this campaign, the result doubled participation of OTA members as OREF donors. Thanks to all who contributed. If you didn't get to it last year, join us this year. The link to contribute is found under the Research heading on the OTA website [www.ota.org](http://www.ota.org).

Joseph Borrelli and the Research Committee are charged with using those funds raised to advance our knowledge, and they have recruited and funded a record number of high quality projects. Over a half million dollars of research funding was awarded to OTA members during the last cycle, a dramatic increase from previous years. This increase has been driven by multi-year clinical projects, directed topic grants, and an expansion of the resident project grant program. With the assistance of Basic Science Chair Ted Miclau, the research committee has worked to teach OTA members to write competitive grant proposals, identify areas of needed research, and develop multicenter projects.

William Creevy was appointed the first chair of the new Practice Management Committee, split off from Coding and Classifications led by Larry Marsh. The charge of that committee is to help manage the critical RUC process for updating RVU values for trauma CPT codes, guide input in the CPT process, and develop practice management education or other programs for orthopaedic trauma practices. Mitch Harris has taken the Health Policy baton from Jim Nepola, and is directing OTA's advocacy efforts on multiple fronts. David Teague is leading the group of OTA members on the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. Craig S. Roberts and the PR committee (Jeff Smith and Peter Nowotarski) have produced an office brochure and an Emergency Department pelvic fracture poster for distribution by members to referring EDs. Andy Schmidt and the Program Committee are currently reviewing a record number of submitted abstracts for the fall Annual Meeting in Boston. Make your plans now to attend.

With all this activity, there is no shortage of opportunities to be involved with your specialty society. In addition, we have begun to explore a role for OTA in orthopaedic trauma education and care in the developing world. Collaboration with Lew Zirkle's SIGN organization was approved by the

Board which will provide OTA educational material and opportunities to orthopaedic surgeons dealing with trauma in disadvantaged parts of the world. We are also looking for volunteers to be involved in the AAOS' international courses and with their Africa Cooperative Education Program (ACE), which is developing an orthopaedic course for health care professionals in West Africa. Additionally, OTA will partner with AAOS to co-brand an educational program in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2008 with David Templeman as Course Director.

This is indeed an exciting time for OTA. Thanks to all who have volunteered, and all who will in the coming year. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

If you have any complaints, please contact Dr. Bosse. J

### **AAOS/OTA SPECIALTY DAY**

**Lisa K. Cannada, MD**

Specialty Day, under the direction of Dr. Michael J. Bosse and the Specialty Day Planning Committee was a huge success. There were more than 600 attendees for the program "Outside of the Box: Non Academic Medical Center Trauma".

The day began with lively discussions from Timothy J. Bray, Roy Sanders, Jeffrey M. Smith and J. Andrew Trenholm on different trauma practices in the non-university environment. Next was Daniel S. Horwitz's session on medical malpractice issues in which he presented some interesting cases. There were also lectures on locked plating including one to answer the often asked problem: "Help-I can't get my locked plate out".

The annual meeting highlight papers followed. There are always good questions raised by the papers and these presentations were no exception.

The afternoon session included Femoral Nailing Tips and several lectures on reduction tactics for long bone stabili-



The audience enjoying the talks at OTA Specialty Day

zation. Great technical advice was given and a chance for all attendees to learn from the experts and their experiences (including the mistakes). Obesity is a (growing) problem in America, and trauma patients are no exception. There are multiple considerations in the treatment of the obese trauma patient including radiology issues and soft tissue considerations in addition to the obvious.

Fracture healing is always a hot topic and the discussion included BMP's, electrical stimulation and ultrasound. The hype surrounding these products can be mind-boggling and it's always good to have some objective information.

The day concluded with a session on "Critical On-Call Issues: Making It Through the Night." Great tips on dealing with pelvic fractures, Damage Control Orthopaedics, Pediatric issues and Limb Threatening Lower Extremity Complications were addressed. Our 2006-7 President, Michael J. Bosse, MD concluded with an interesting lecture on "When to Get Level 1 Support."

The OTA member reception was on the USS Midway. The evening included a tour of the ship, the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum aboard the USS Midway and flight simulator games to keep everyone entertained. The food was great and the company even better. During the reception, Dr. Bosse handed over the Presidential medal to Jeffrey O. Anglen, MD.

### **Best Paper Award**

The Edwin G. Bovill Award for the best paper was presented to Christian J. H. Veillette, MD, Michael D. McKee, MD and the Canadian Orthopaedic Trauma Society for their paper "A Multicenter Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial of Open Reduction and Internal Fixation versus Total Elbow Arthroplasty for Displaced Intra-articular Distal Humerus Fractures in Elderly Patients". Congratulations to all involved; it sets a good example of multiple centers banding together to find out an answer to an important research question; kudos for a randomized, prospective trial.



Michael D. McKee accepting the Edwin G. Bovill award for Best Paper from Ross Leighton

## **Best Poster Awards**

Congratulations to all for these three posters chosen by the OTA Program Committee at the fall OTA meeting in Phoenix.

### **Best Clinical Science Poster Award-Displayed at the AAOS Annual Meeting**

“Intraoperative Three-Dimensional Imaging (ISO-C-3D) in Trauma Surgery”

Kivanc Atesok, MD; Amal Khoury, MD; Amos Peyser, MD; Yoram Weil, MD; Meir Liebergall, MD; Rami Mosheiff, MD  
*Department of Orthopaedics, Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel*

### **Top Two Basic Science Poster Awards-Displayed at the ORS Annual Meeting**

“Ideal Tibial Intramedullary Nail Insertion Point Varies with Tibial Rotation”

Richard Walker, MD; Michael D. McKee, MD; James P. Waddell, MD; Emil H. Schemitsch, MD  
*St. Michaels Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

“Can a Single High-Energy Impact Load Cause Development of Posttraumatic Osteoarthritis?”

Joseph Borrelli, Jr., MD; Melissa Zaegle; Matthew Silva, PhD; Linda Sandell, PhD  
*Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, USA*

## **ADVANCED TRAUMA TECHNIQUES COURSE FOR RESIDENTS**

**Kathleen Caswell**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advanced Trauma Techniques Course for Residents took place March 30 and 31, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. The course was sold out at 112 Residents (mainly



Steven S. Louis teaching a resident to nail a femur at the Advanced Trauma Techniques Course for Residents in Chicago

PGY3, 4 and 5's). Based on resident evaluations, and faculty and industry feedback, the course was a definite success. The residents enjoyed an intense two-day session including lectures, hands-on skill labs and small group case discussions from OTA

traumatologists. In addition, J. Tracy Watson gave an outstanding presentation on choosing a career in orthopaedic trauma.

Kudos to Course Directors, William M. Ricci, MD and H. Claude Sagi, MD; their leadership played a vital role in the success of the course. The course also had the benefit of an outstanding faculty including: Lisa Cannada, MD, Brett Crist, MD, Paul Dougherty, MD, Matthew Jimenez, MD, David Karges, DO, Steven Louis, MD, Mark Mighell, MD, Max Morandi, MD, Brian Mullis, MD, and J. Tracy Watson, MD.

The OTA greatly appreciates support received from the following companies through both education grants and lab support: Biomet Trauma, DePuy, Smith & Nephew, Stryker, Synthes, and Zimmer. With the education grants received, the OTA was able to offer all attendees a \$300 tuition scholarship (so that each resident paid only \$100 to attend), and also a travel scholarship that covered up to 3 nights lodging (the travel scholarship was available to PGY3, 4, and 5's and/or any resident who had taken an OTA or AONA Basic Residents Course). The next Advanced Trauma Techniques Course is scheduled to take place May 16 – 17, 2008 in Dallas, Texas.



From left to right: Peruvian Drs. Katya Delgado and Gustavo Delgado-Razuri along with Gustavo's new bride enjoying lunch at the OTA Residents Course in Chicago

## AAOS/OTA 7TH ANNUAL TRAUMA COURSE

Lisa K. Cannada, MD

There were more than 200 attendees from all over the country who attended the course entitled “Current Management Strategies, Technical Pearls and Optimizing Outcomes for Common Fractures”. The meeting was held in St. Augustine, FL with Steven A. Olson and Christopher T. Born serving as course directors. Attendees learned from not only lectures, but Master’s techniques videos and had several choices of industry breakout sessions to choose from. Steven A. Olson, MD and Robert Probe, MD are Course Directors for the 2008 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Trauma Course April 25-27 in St. Augustine Florida.

## KATHRYN CRAMER MEMORIAL AWARD

Heather A. Vallier, MD

AO North America has established an annual award in memory of Dr. Kathryn Cramer, to honor her contributions to orthopaedic trauma patient care and education. The award promotes educational and research endeavors to foster the development of orthopaedic surgery residents and fellows pursuing careers in orthopaedic traumatology, or orthopaedic traumatologists in their first two years of practice. Funding may be used for research projects or travel for educational reasons. Requests for up to \$15,000 for one year will be considered.

**Dr. Christopher McAndrew**, a resident in orthopedic surgery at Case School of Medicine, was the recipient of the first annual Kathryn Cramer Memorial Award. Dr. McAndrew received \$15,000 for his project entitled “Timing and Method of Analgesia and Anesthesia for the Reduction of Pediatric Forearm Fractures. A Prospective Randomized Study of Three Treatment Protocols.” his was one of many excellent proposals that were reviewed by the award committee. Dr. Cramer was a pioneer in the field of orthopaedic traumatology, with a special interest in fractures in children. This research project will help to continue her legacy.

**The deadline for applications is June 15, 2007** for funding in the fall of 2007. Please see the AONA website ([aona.org](http://aona.org)) for information regarding applications for the 2007 grant cycle or link from the What’s New section of the OTA website.

## OREF: WORKING TO KEEP EXPENSES LOW

Gene Wurth, OREF President and CEO

At OREF, we work hard to keep both our operational and fundraising expenses as low as possible while still maintaining growth in our program. Our goal is to provide adequate funding for current research and education efforts while building a substantial endowment to fund future research for many years ahead. Our efforts are allocated in those two directions – current needs and future permanent support.

We also work to raise money for OREF itself and for more than 30 related orthopaedic organizations – our “orthopaedic partners.”

The simplest way to analyze how we are doing is to compare the total amount we raise (including cash and deferred gifts, as well as money for OREF and for our orthopaedic partners), to our total expenses (which includes our general operating expenses and our specific fundraising expenses). The numbers for 2006 were as follows:

Total support was \$16,565,000

Total expenses were \$3,138,000 (18.9% of total support)

The chart below shows the comparison of our total support as defined above and our total expenses as defined above for the past several years.



## OTA/OREF GIVING PARTNERSHIP

Don't forget the special OTA effort to increase funding for current research. Together with OREF, OTA has stressed designated annual giving which benefits both groups. Our goal is to encourage Order of Merit gifts contributions that total \$1,000 or more to our annual campaign. You can do so easily by going to [www.oref.org/ota](http://www.oref.org/ota). There you can make your Order of Merit level gift, or a smaller gift if you choose. Although OREF has allowed OTA members to split gifts of less than \$1,000 between the two groups, we encourage you to donate at the \$1,000 Order of Merit level.

In a limited test period last fall – October through December – **This effort led to 99 Order of Merit gifts (an increase of 42 over the previous year) resulting in \$51,000 of new funding for OTA research grants and multi-center studies.**

## THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS!



**Michael J. Bosse, MD**



Dr. James P. Stannard, outgoing Board member, being recognized by Michael J. Bosse for his service

Dr. Bosse recognized Board and Committee Chairs that have completed their terms of service. These included:

Roy Sanders, MD	Past President
James P. Stannard, MD	Board Member at Large
J. Tracy Watson, MD	Fellowship and Career Choices Committee Chair
Ross K. Leighton, MD	Program Committee Chair
James V. Nepola, MD	Health Policy Committee Chair
William G. DeLong, Jr., MD	*Orthobiologics Project Team

\*Check out March 2007 JBJS for their results!

## NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!



New OTA Board member  
Edward J. Harvey from McGill  
University, Montreal, Canada

The New Board Members and Committee Chairs are as follows:

Edward J. Harvey, MD	Board Member at Large
Andrew H. Schmidt, MD	Program Committee Chair
Lisa K. Cannada, MD	Fellowship and Career Choices Committee
Mitchel B. Harris, MD	Health Policy Committee Chair
William Creevy, MD	Practice Management Committee Chair
COL Roman Hayda, MD	Military Task Force Committee

## BEST WISHES AND GRATITUDE

**Nancy Franzon, OTA Executive Director**



Best wishes and many thanks to Courtney for all her efforts with the OTA.

Hi all, Sadly I must inform you all that OTA Coordinator, Courtney Peirce left the OTA staff in mid-March to prepare for a busy spring relocating to Green Bay, Wisconsin. We had hoped that she and her husband, Ryan, would return to Chicago following his Radiology fellowship year, but alas, the smaller community of Green Bay beckons. At the OTA Specialty Day Reception for members, Michael Bosse and the OTA Board of Directors acknowledged her for her outstanding accomplishments for OTA since she began working with us in 2004. A new staff member will be on board shortly. You may always reach any staff person by sending an e-mail to [ota@aaos.org](mailto:ota@aaos.org)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Evidence-Based Medicine Project Team

#### **William Obremskey, MD, Chair**

The evidence-based medicine committee would like to improve the resources available to Orthopaedic Trauma Association members. Developing links on the web site to Orthopaedic Knowledge Online (OKO) as well as to evidence-based medicine literature guidelines or best available evidence on a variety of topics. Please look for these on the OTA web site in 2007.

### Research Committee

#### **Joseph Borrelli, Jr., MD, Chair**

The Research Committee awarded the following Resident Grants at their February meeting. Congratulations to all! The next deadline for Resident Research Grant applications is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Applications are now available on-line. All were funded \$10,000 by OTA/Foundation for Orthopaedic Trauma.

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Principal Investigator: Peter Apel, MD; Co-Investigator: Robert Teasdall, MD  
“The Role of Sensory Nerve Function and Fracture Healing”

Principal Investigator: Matthew Beal, MD; Co-Investigator: Michael Stover, MD  
“The Use of Osteogenic BMPs to Augment Healing of Critical Sized Femoral Defects in a Rat Model”

Principal Investigator: Reed Estes, MD; Co-Investigator: David Volgas, MD  
“Cytokine Liberation from Secondary Surgery in the Setting of the Second Hit Syndrome”

Principal Investigator: Christina Goldstein, MD; Co-Investigator: Bradley Petrisor, FRCSC  
“Correlation of Health Outcome Measure Scores in Foot and Ankle Trauma”

Principal Investigator: Saam Morshed, MD; Co-Investigator: Theodore Miclau, MD  
“Relative Effect of Cephalomedullary Nails Versus Sliding Hip Screw in the Treatment of Peri-trochanteric Hip Fractures on Mortality and Re-operation in a Community-Based Clinical Setting”

Principal Investigator: Paul Peters, MD; Co-Investigator: Michael Prayson, MD  
“Time of Exposure to C-arm Drape Contamination”

Principal Investigator: Nelson Saldua, MD; Co-Investigator: Michael Mazurek, MD  
“Operative vs. Non-operative Treatment of Ligamentous SER-4 Ankle Fractures: A Prospective, Randomized Study”

Principal Investigator: Ross Schumer, MD; Co-Investigator: Michael Prayson, MD  
“Biomechanical Analysis of a New Locked Plating System for the Proximal Humerus”

Principal Investigator: Patrick Whitlock, MD; Co-Investigator: Lawrence X. Webb, MD  
“The Effect of Donor Age on the Healing Potential of (h)BMP-2-expressing, Adipose-Derived Multi-potential Progenitor Cells in the Young-Adult Rat Segmental Femur Defect Model”

Principal Investigator: Jason Young, MD; Co-Investigator: Michael Stover, MD  
“The Effect of Sacral Fracture Malreduction on the Strength of Iliosacral Screw Fixation for Transforaminal Sacral Fractures”

### OTA Patient Education/YOC Task Force

#### **Stephen A. Kottmeier, MD, Chair**

The OTA and AAOS are working together to provide orthopaedic trauma peer-reviewed patient health care to the AAOS YOC (Your Orthopaedic Connection). Look on the AAOS website to preview the wealth of knowledge available. The OTA YOC Task Force agreed on the following action plan for updating and developing trauma content on the YOC website.

Trauma topics will be categorized as follows, with each member of the OTA YOC Task Force overseeing one section.

Hip	Chris Born
Knee	Stephen Kottmeier
Foot & Ankle	Brett Crist
Elbow	Greg Della Rocca
Shoulder	Craig Roberts
General Fractures	Charles Blitzer

A goal was set for each Task Force member to produce one article for the YOC website by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Another suggestion from the meeting for generating new trauma topics is to review the trauma related topics in JAAOS, as well as trauma related ICLs.

Jane Baque, Senior Manager, AAOS Publication Websites, volunteered to research trauma related JAAOS articles and ICLs. In addition, Jane reviewed general history as well as future plans for the YOC website. Future plans for YOC include conducting a usability study, making the site more visually interesting, updating existing content, and adding new content.

### **OTA Classification Database and Outcomes Committee**

#### **Larry Marsh MD, Chair**

This old Coding, Classification and Outcomes Committee has now been split into two new committees. This committee will be responsible for the OTA relevant issues contained within the committee title.

The revision of the OTA Fracture Classification will be published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins as a compendium in a supplement to the Journal of Orthopedic Trauma. The committee is currently working with the publisher on drawings and format. The publication is anticipated to coincide with the annual meeting in the fall. The overall alpha numeric code of the revised classification will be unified with the AO-CTF group (since 1996 there have been two slightly different versions of the code) furthering the goal of an international language to classify fractures. There will be modest changes to the current code to be more logical and to simplify complex areas that provided little value. Substantive changes have been made to the foot and dislocations and the metacarpals and phalanges will now be exactly analogous with the same areas in the foot. An introductory chapter will review progress and new information on fracture classification since the previous publication of the OTA classification in 1996. The committee is grateful to the members who provided input into the revision process.

The committee has started to assess new two new initiatives. One will be to develop a new classification for open fractures. This project will be accomplished through a combined OTA and AO-CTF task force. The other project will be to determine age adjusted normative data for fracture outcomes using the sMFA health status measure. An initial pilot is in the planning stages.

### **Fellowship Committee**

#### **Lisa K. Cannada, MD, Chair**

The discussion of an official match is the current hot topic. Last year, all fellowship applicants were encouraged to use the online application process and it was a success. There were 51 applicants who used the web site. A concern voiced by the applicants was the pressure to respond to offers before individuals had a chance to complete all of their interviews. ***As a result, we are asking that positions are not offered until Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> after the OTA meeting in Boston, MA.*** Currently there are 45 fellowship programs offering 78 slots for 2009 – 2010. Open fellowship positions for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 have also been posted on the OTA web site.

This year the fellowship committee will be involved with a job fair. The OTA's second annual job fair will coincide with the 2007 Annual Meeting in Boston this October. Feedback from participants in the first annual job fair in Phoenix was positive. Currently the committee is working on guidelines for fellowship and planning the job fair at the annual meeting.

*Reminder to Fellowship Directors: Please be sure that your fellowship program information is up-to-date on the OTA website. If you need assistance updating your program information, please send your request to [ota@aaos.org](mailto:ota@aaos.org).*

### **SPOTLIGHT ON:**

#### **OTA MENTORING PROGRAMS**

**Lisa K. Cannada, MD**

Did you know the OTA has 2 mentoring programs? Continue reading to find out more and let's get more of you involved.

#### **Clinical/Career Mentor Program**

The goal of the OTA Mentoring Program is to provide career guidance to OTA members who are within 10 years of completing training. There is currently a superb, but very small list of OTA members who are mentors. The list includes 5 OTA presidents. The requirements for mentoring are to be a member of the OTA and a practicing orthopaedic surgeon for a minimum of 10 years. There is a mentor application on the website. All mentors have agreed to answer your phone calls and e-mails on a timely basis, and meet with you at the OTA Annual Meeting, Specialty Day, and on an informal basis.





What a great resource for the new, young practitioners. To the young: please take advantage of this opportunity. To the wise: Let's try to increase the number of mentors, so if you have been in practice for 10 years, consider filling out a mentor application!

### **Research Mentor Program**

Bet you did not know about this program! If you completed an OTA pre-proposal which got accepted to write a full proposal, this program was made known to you. But it's not just for those writing grant proposals, as all budding researchers need to start somewhere. The OTA Research Mentor Program is intended to provide guidance to OTA members involved in orthopaedic trauma research. The program is open to all OTA members. Each orthopaedic surgeon mentor has been a member of the OTA and a practicing orthopaedic surgeon for a minimum of 10 years. If you are interested in being a mentor, please complete the mentor application available on the website. Research Mentor Volunteers have varying degrees of expertise in many different areas of specialization. Areas of expertise/interest are noted in the mentor database below. The database also includes each mentor's available capacity of assistance:

- 1) confidentially review manuscripts
- 2) confidentially review grant proposals
- 3) offer advice/answer specific questions via phone or e-mail
- 4) host scientists for short periods of time (e.g., days to weeks) to teach specific techniques or approaches

### **ABC FELLOWSHIP**

This year the AOA-American British and Canadian Traveling Fellowship includes an OTA member. William Ricci, MD, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine will be part of the 2007 traveling fellows. His tour duties are from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 and include the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. The OTA has been well represented in both the ABC exchange traveling fellowship and the AOANorth American traveling fellowships. Congratulations to Dr. Ricci. Let's encourage OTA members to continue to apply for these positions! Look for an update of his experience in a future newsletter.

### **CALL FOR SERVICE**

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is an Echelon IV tertiary care US Military Hospital located approximately 90 miles from Frankfurt, Germany. We are looking for a few good men or women. The Criteria include demonstrated expertise in clinical musculoskeletal trauma care and teaching, greater than 10 years experience treating high-energy trauma, and availability to volunteer a minimum of two weeks to travel to Landstuhl to teach and to provide care to injured warriors. The first volunteers will be sent in mid-July.

Interested OTA members should send their CV and a short letter of interest including the available dates for participation to Nancy Franzon [ota@aaos.org](mailto:ota@aaos.org) or [franzon@aaos.org](mailto:franzon@aaos.org).

Coach airfare and housing will be provided. Meals and per diem expenses will be covered per AAOS travel policy.

### **ANNOUNCING....**

#### **THE FIRST TWO OTA/SIGN SCHOLARS**

**Lewis G. Zirkle, Jr., MD**

Congratulations to the first two SIGN scholars chosen. **Lectary Lelei MD**, Surgeon in Chief of Orthopedics at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya; has taught surgeons from other SIGN centers around Kenya and is regarded as a leader of orthopedic surgery in Kenya. Dr. Lelei and his staff have done 201 SIGN surgeries and he is preparing to have the first orthopedic training program outside of the capital city, Nairobi.

**Professor Thit Lwin MD**, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery in Yangon, Myanmar; has pioneered the use of the SIGN nail using both retrograde and antegrade approaches for ankle fusions. Dr. Lwin has started three other SIGN programs in Myanmar and he and his staff have done 680 SIGN surgeries.

## RESIDENTS COMPREHENSIVE

### FRACTURE COURSE

The next Residents Comprehensive Fracture Course will take place October 17 – 20, 2007 in Boston. The Course Directors are Kevin J. Pugh, MD and Steven J. Morgan, MD.

Please mark your calendars, and encourage your residents to attend this outstanding course!

### NEW

The OTA is pleased to announce that beginning 2008, the OTA will offer two Residents Comprehensive Fracture Courses. The Spring Course will be held April 24 – 27, 2008 (held concurrently with the AAOS/OTA Joint Trauma Course) in St. Augustine, Florida (Course Directors: Kevin J. Pugh, MD and David C. Teague, MD) and the Fall Course will be held October 15 – 18, 2008 in Denver, Colorado (Course Directors: Steven J. Morgan, MD and Laura J. Prokuski, MD). Please help your Residents plan to attend one of these premier orthopaedic trauma comprehensive courses.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OTA ANNUAL MEETING IN BOSTON

Sharon Moore & Lisa K. Cannada, MD



The OTA Annual Meeting, under the direction of Andrew H. Schmidt, Program Committee Chair and Paul Tornetta, Local Host, is scheduled for Boston, October 18-20. There were a record number (602) of abstracts submitted: Look for an exciting program!

### Annual Meeting Highlights

- Annual Meeting begins Thursday October 18 at 1:00 pm. Thursday's highlights include a special lecture by Philip Proctor, PhD "The Recent Discovery and Publication of *The Marrow Nailing Method* by Küntscher" and the OTA Welcome Reception.
- Friday, October 19, Breakfast with the Experts: Bring Your Cases; a Session on Research Study Design, Ted Miclau, MD, Moderator; a Symposium on

Complications of Fractures, Alan Jones, MD, Moderator, and a Symposium on High-Energy Knee Dislocation, William Obremskey, MD, Moderator. The OTA Members' Business Meeting will follow Friday's general session.

- Saturday, October 20, Breakfast with the Experts: Bring Your Cases; a Mini-Symposium moderated by Bruce Ziran, MD on "The Business of Orthopaedic Trauma;" "Fractures in the Developing World" will be an afternoon Symposium, Richard Coughlin, MD, Moderator. Brent Eastman, MD, a leading expert on trauma centers and systems will give the 2007 John Border Memorial Lecture. Dr. Eastman is the Director of Trauma at the Scripps Institute, La Jolla, California. The meeting adjourns at 5:00pm.

### Be sure to also mark your calendar for....

- *\*The Residents Comprehensive Fracture Course, October 17-20.*
- *\*Pre-Annual Meeting Events-Wednesday, October 17~including the Basic Science Focus Forum, Mass Casualty Management Course and a Trauma Coding Course.*
- *\*There will be a Young Practitioner's Forum Thursday Morning, October 18*

### *Watch the OTA website for these and other developing sessions!*

Room reservations at the Sheraton Boston can be made as follows: Toll free: 1-800-325-3535 (\$257 single/ \$280 double). Identify yourself as an OTA meeting attendee.

Reserve your room early! Online link:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0702289093&key=9A578>

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## Announcements

- The membership application deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please encourage interested candidates to apply. The benefits of membership include reduced registration fees to the OTA Annual Meeting and Specialty Day, access to the Members only section of the OTA website, subscription (or reduced rate) to the Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma and this newsletter! There are several categories of membership available. Remind your residents to apply, especially those interested in a career in trauma. They can enjoy the advantages of membership at an early stage of their career. Refer to the OTA website for further details.
- 2007 JOT subscriptions for Resident Members were funded by Biomet and 2007 JOT subscriptions for Military Members were funded by Stryker.
- Look for a preliminary program for the OTA annual meeting in June 2007. We strongly encourage making your hotel reservations early! Book online at: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0702289093&key=9A578>
- Look for update from the Board of Directors meeting in the next issue.
- Deadline for the Summer newsletter is August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail the OTA at [www.ota.org](http://www.ota.org) or Lisa K. Cannada at [lisa.cannada@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:lisa.cannada@utsouthwestern.edu) with information for the newsletter.
- By now, all OTA members should have received “Who Are the Members of the OTA?” brochures developed by the public relations committee. OTA members Craig Roberts and Cary Schwartzbach helped with the recent ATV safety campaign funded by the AAOS and Peter Nowotarski has provided radio spots regarding Boating Safety. Great job!
- **AAOS soliciting papers for Kappa Delta/OREF Awards.** The AAOS is soliciting manuscripts for the 2008 Kappa Delta Awards and the OREF Clinical Research Award. Up to three \$20,000 Kappa Delta awards, one of which is designated for “Young Investigators.” Manuscripts should be original, written specifically for these awards, and focus on the results of the author’s basic and/or clinical research that relates to the musculoskeletal system. The awards are open to members (or candidate members) of the AAOS, Orthopaedic Research Society, Canadian Orthopaedic Association, or Canadian Orthopaedic Research Society. The deadline for submission is July 2, 2007. Specific details regarding submission guidelines and criteria can be found at: <http://www.aaos.org/kappadelta>