



FRACTURElines

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OTA Flash



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Anglen, MD

In a couple of weeks we will gather in San Francisco for our Specialty Day business meeting, and I will pass the OTA baton to the able hands of Tracy Watson. This year has passed quickly, as they all seem to do recently, and I believe it has been a productive time for our society. The OTA continues to be a strong leader among the sub-specialty organizations in orthopaedics. Our programs in education and research, the core missions of the organization, continue to expand and grow in depth and sophistication due to the dedication and experience of the OTA leaders running them. OTA has done a great job of involving promising young surgeon leaders, promoting them, developing their skills, and keeping them involved in the organization.

Through collaboration with other like-minded groups such as AAOS, SIGN, ACS, AAST, SOMOS and other orthopaedic specialty societies we have influenced policy development and advocacy. We continue to work to address the significant musculoskeletal trauma problems in North America and the world. The issues include orthopaedic

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FROM THE EDITOR

Lisa K. Cannada, MD

Welcome to the OTA Spring FractureLines Flash! Since the AAOS meeting is just around the corner, this News Flash is to give you a quick update about the upcoming OTA Specialty Day, Committee Meetings and AAOS/OTA co-branded events. In addition, we have our last "President's Corner" message from Dr. Jeffrey Anglen. What a tremendous job he has done this past year bringing several issues to the forefront including information and participation in *SIGN*, close working relationships with the *ACS*, the *AAOS* and its Board of Specialty Societies (*BOS*), the establishment of a fellowship match process and leading an ever growing organization with record number of attendees at our annual scientific meeting in October.

In addition, it is not too early to start making your plans for **Denver, October 15 - 18th**. Please refer to the OTA website for the information. Hope all of you had a safe and healthy winter and submitted those abstracts by the OTA deadline. We look forward to seeing you in San Francisco. The spring edition for the newsletter will be out in mid April. Please contact me with any contributions for the newsletter at Lisa.Cannada@UTSouthwestern.edu.

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OTA SPECIALTY DAY PROGRAM



The OTA Specialty Day Program will be held **Saturday, March 8, 2008**, at the Moscone Center West in rooms 3001-3007 under the auspices of the planning committee of **Jeffrey Anglen, M. Bradford Henley, Andrew Schmidt, Michael Stover and Donald Wiss**. An exciting day has been planned. It begins with *Career Perspectives: How We Got Here and Where We Are Going*, a session moderated by Donald Wiss. Next, the OTA Annual Meeting highlight papers will be discussed, the authors of 2007 winning Clinical and Basic Science Posters will be recognized, the Edwin G. Bovill Award and the OTA Resident Memorial Scholarship will be presented. Look for information about the winning presentations in the next newsletter.

The OTA business meeting will be during lunch and Dr. Anglen will recognize new members, outgoing officers and committee chairs. In the afternoon, Specialty Day topics covered include *Improving the Trauma Lifestyle* with information on *Call Schedules, Clinical Issues, Finances and Organization and Resources*. The afternoon ends with a *Potpourri of Topics from Previous Specialty Day Evaluation Requests*. This is for you, the members, who gave feedback to help make OTA Specialty Day meet your needs!

OTA RECEPTION

Following Specialty Day, **5:30 – 8:30 PM**, there will be a cocktail reception at the **W San Francisco Hotel (across the street from Moscone Convention Center)** for OTA members and guests to celebrate the many OTA member volunteers and to recognize the contributions of OTA outgoing President, Jeffrey Anglen, and to greet incoming President Tracy Watson. If you have not yet sent an RSVP that you will attend please do so to ota@aaos.org.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

"THE MATCH"

Lisa K. Cannada, MD

As you know, there were a record number of applicants for orthopaedic trauma fellowships. There were more applicants than positions; 92 applicants officially used the OTA website with 67 North American positions beginning in 2008. We are pleased that there is an increased interest in trauma fellowships. Thanks to the efforts of the OTA Public Relations Committee, the OTA Education Committee and the OTA membership: All should be commended for contributing to this increased interest. The members of the OTA Board of Directors and the OTA Fellowship Committee, based on the fellowship committee report, have agreed to a **mandatory match process beginning in 2010**.

The Orthopaedic Trauma Association will be using SF Match (www.SFmatch.org) for the process. SF Match is an established entity in the match process, having conducted matches since 1977. Currently, SF Match handles 5 specialty matches and 12 fellowship matches. There will be extensive details including the target dates and deadlines on the OTA website for the resident applicants and the fellowship program directors. The match is mandatory. The Board approved an **OTA Fellowship Compliance Sub-Committee** who are not Trauma Fellowship Program Directors and include: **Robert Probe, MD, Chair, Robert Brumback, MD, Robert Winkquist, MD, and Gregory Schmeling, MD**. A copy of sanctions which have been approved by the Board of Directors is also soon available on the website. **A meeting of all fellowship directors will be held at 7:15 AM prior to the OTA Specialty Day in Room 3009 at Moscone Center West**. All fellowship directors are encouraged to attend along with anyone who wants further information about the match. Representatives from SF match will be there as well at that time.

This is a quite heated topic. We ask that all OTA members realize that the match is for the applicants to provide a fair process and avoid forced early decisions. Please address your comments and questions to Lisa Cannada, the fellowship committee chairman, Lisa.Cannada@UTSouthwestern.edu or to the OTA staff office at ota@aaos.org. Your feedback is appreciated and your encouragement and compliance with the match is necessary for success.

RESEARCH GRANT PRE-PROPOSALS

Please do not miss the OTA
Research grant pre-proposal deadline:
April 1, 2008.



<http://www.ota.org/fellowship/08Timeline.pdf>

OTA EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Michael Baumgaertner, MD

Thank you Dr. Baumgaertner for six amazing years of directing the growth of the OTA Educational Programs!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED

ED call coverage, treatment of extremity war injuries, the epidemic of road traffic accidents and orthopaedic trauma in the developing world, the growing need for fracture care in the aging population in the developed world, appropriate use of new technology and training of orthopaedic sub-specialists.

During the past year, we have instituted a mandatory fellowship match to respond to the needs and desires of orthopaedic residents to have a fair and efficient process to continue their training. This has not been without some controversy and anxiety, but has been accomplished in response to the overwhelming support of residents, fellows, program directors and all OTA members to bring order and fairness to the process. The Board and the Fellowship committee have spent a great deal of time and energy to bring this about – they deserve our gratitude for the work accomplished.

We have initiated a collaboration with SIGN to help train orthopaedic trauma surgeons from the developing world, and are intimately involved with the AAOS' Africa Cooperative Education Project (ACEP). That program, which has been endorsed by the WHO, among other organizations, seeks to establish a self-perpetuating orthopaedic training program in Western Africa. The first course will be in Ghana in 2008, and 8 OTA members will be on the US faculty of 24 total surgeons. This reflects the importance of trauma as

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTA MEMBERS

- **JAAOS is looking for good ideas for trauma-related review articles.** Any OTA member who has an idea for a good review article topic and/or who wishes to author review articles for JAAOS, should contact **Jeff Anglen, JAAOS Associate Editor for Trauma**, janglen@iupui.edu.
- **OKU Trauma-4 needs volunteers for co-editors and section editors.** If you are interested in helping, contact **David Teague, incoming OTA Education Committee Chair**, via e-mail David-Teague@ouhsc.edu.

the major orthopaedic problem in the developing world - road traffic accidents are believed to be the top problem in public health and productivity. Eighty percent of all surgery in Ghana is trauma related. Clearly there is a huge need for training and help, and OTA is responding to that need, even as we look after our own concerns in North America.

OTA has been and will continue to be at the forefront of supporting research, both through our own well-developed program of grant review and funding, and through our leadership role with OREF. The OTA Board established a Shands Fund endowment within the OREF. OTA members who wish to donate at the Shands level (\$20,000) can direct it to the OTA endowment, where the proceeds will be controlled by OTA for future large multi-center studies. And of course, our campaign to get 100% of OTA members to become OREF donors (at any level) continues – if you haven't made your donation yet, please do so, and indicate OTA to share in your donation.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Francisco. Thanks for all you have done to advance the purposes of the OTA. I know you have found, as I have, that it is truly gratifying to work with such a great group of people, and the personal relationships that one forms within OTA make it fun as well. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as President, and look forward to continued involvement with the Board.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS

- **OTA Comprehensive Fracture Course for Residents**

- April 24 - 27, 2008
- Renaissance Resort, World Golf Village
- St. Augustine, Florida
- Aimed at all levels of residents

Due to the generous support from industry, the OTA is able to offer a tuition scholarship and travel assistance to residents of all levels who register by April 14, 2008. Information for this is available on the website.

The Course Co-Directors are Kevin Pugh, MD and David Teague, MD.

- **OTA Advanced Techniques Trauma Course for Residents**

- May 16 - 17, 2008
- Adam's Mark Hotel, Dallas, Texas
- A thorough review of trauma techniques
- Aimed at 4th and 5th year residents

Again, due to the generous support of the sponsors there are \$300 scholarships to all residents of all levels who register by May 2, 2008. The residents travel scholarship is available only to PGY-4 and PGY-5. Further information is available on the OTA website. I am looking forward to seeing you in Dallas!

Course Co-Directors are Henry Claude Sagi, MD and James P. Stannard, MD.

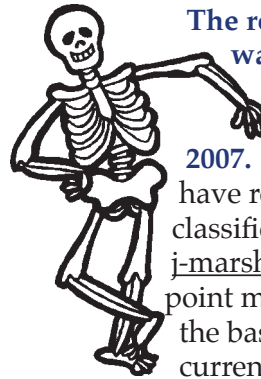
PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEWS

Andrew Schmidt, MD, Chair

The Program Committee is working hard to make the **2008 OTA Annual Meeting in Denver** the best meeting yet. We received 570 abstracts from around the world, the second highest number of abstracts ever received. A Special Guest will be Dr. Peter Trafton, who will be giving the John Border Memorial Lecture. Once again, the meeting will consist of scientific paper sessions, symposia, and bio-skills labs. Look for the preliminary program on www.ota.org, in your inbox and /or mailbox in May or June, but please make your plans now to visit Denver, Colorado, October 15 - 18, 2008.

CLASSIFICATION, DATABASE AND OUTCOMES COMMITTEE

Larry Marsh, MD



The revised OTA fracture classification was published and was distributed as a supplement to the *Journal of Orthopedic Trauma* in November

2007. Please forward any comments you have regarding the compendium or the classification in general to me at j-marsh@uiowa.edu. At some future point member opinions will in part form the basis for another revision. We are currently working to have the classifica-

tion and in particular the images placed on the OTA website.

The committee and other interested members are engaged in a project to review the current classifications of open fractures. This is an area where practice has changed leading to a need to reassess how we classify the soft tissue wounds associated with fractures. A half day meeting is planned in San Francisco.

On the outcome side of our charges we are planning a project to obtain normative health status outcomes for a wide range of fracture codes. The size and scope of this project is large so we are moving slowly and are still in the planning stages.

If you have any input on any of these projects please do not hesitate to let me know.



AAOS/OTA Co-Branded Symposium and Instructional Course Lectures - 2008

Thanks to the **OTA Education Committee** and the leadership of **Ken Koval, MD** as well as to the following **OTA Members** for working through the process for **AAOS/OTA Co-Branded Symposia and Instructional Courses for the 2008 AAOS meeting in San Francisco**:

Wednesday, March 5

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- **Controversies in Trauma Lower-Limb Amputation**
Lisa K. Cannada, MD, Moderator,
Michael J. Bosse, MD and Michael Mazurek, MD
- **Pearls for Common Fracture Treatment**
Alan L. Jones, MD, Moderator,
William R. Creevy, MD, David C. Ring, MD,
Thomas A. Russell, MD and
David W. Sanders, MD

Friday, March 6

7:00 – 10:00 AM

- **Locked Plating: Why, When and How** (Surgical Skills Course)
Paul Tornetta, III, MD, Moderator,
Philip J. Kregor, MD, Henry C. Sagi, MD
and David C. Templeman, MD

8:00 – 11:00 AM

- **Acute Trauma: Getting Through the Night**
Andrew H. Schmidt, MD, Moderator,
Jeffrey O. Anglen, MD, Arvind D. Nana, MD,
Susan A. Scherl, MD and Thomas F. Varecka, MD

1:30 – 3:30 PM

- **Complications following Locked Plating**
Donald A. Wiss, MD, Moderator,
William G. DeLong, Jr., MD,
Matthew Jimenez, MD and Philip J. Kregor, MD

Kudos also to the following OTA Members who immediately volunteered to evaluate the AAOS Trauma Instructional Course Lectures at the 2008 meeting:

Thomas Ambrose	Justin Greisberg	Douglas Lundy
Tim Bonatus	David Hak	Arthur Malkani
Christopher Born	Eric Hofmeister	Steven Rabin
Henry Broekhuysen	John Iaquinto	Payam Tabrizi
Robert Dunbar, Jr.	Paul Juliano	Lisa Taitsman
Christopher Finkemeier	Judith Levine	
Paul Gregory	Bruce Levy	

2009 ICL / SYMPOSIA PROJECT TEAM

Michael Stover, MD, Chair

OTA members are invited to submit ICL or Symposium topic proposals to Nancy Franzon at ota@aaos.org. **These topic and lecture title ideas will be accepted until February 29.**

- The strategy to coordinate submission of Trauma related Instructional Course Lectures (ICLs) to the AAOS Annual meeting has proven to successfully expand the involvement of the OTA members; consequently, the OTA Education Committee will continue to centralize submission of ICL proposals. **The goal of this process is to try to avoid duplication of proposals, increase OTA membership involvement at the AAOS annual meeting, and ensure a wide spectrum of offerings.** For submissions to the 2009 AAOS annual meeting to be held in Las Vegas, NV, the Education Committee will follow previous procedures:
- **The proposal should define the topic and anticipated lecture titles.**
- The Education committee will meet to review the proposals and rank highly those that would best reflect the mission of the OTA.
- The submitting person will be considered for Moderator.
- The selected topics and the submitting member will be notified following the committee meeting in March to complete a full application by April 18 which will be reviewed by the committee prior to submission to ensure that the applications are properly submitted and the faculty fairly selected.
- **The committee will review the faculty list and make suggestions if there are duplications.**
- The selected Moderator will be encouraged to choose faculty from the OTA Membership, but will not be forced to do so.
- Moderators will not be members of the Education Committee, unless he/she submitted the proposal.
- This committee may also rank additional topics not proposed by OTA membership.
- Before May 1, the OTA staff office will send in the BOS application to the AAOS as OTA branded Symposia.

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2009 ICL / SYMPOSIA PROJECT TEAM, CONTINUED

- Before May 1, the OTA staff office will send the blinded (no reference to OTA) ICL applications to AAOS with a separate list to the AAOS staff of those "OTA Education Committee Approved" for co-branding. Of course, OTA members can also submit ICL proposals directly to the AAOS, but these proposals will not have the opportunity to be labeled as OTA sponsored education.

HVO LAUNCHES ORTHOPAEDIC PROGRAM IN CAMEROON

[Washington, DC - February 12, 2008] - HVO is pleased to announce the establishment of an orthopaedic training program in Cameroon, located on the west coast of central Africa, at Mbingo Baptist Hospital. The hospital, located in the English-speaking, Northwest Province (NWP) of the country, is managed by the Cameroon Baptist Convention. The program will improve orthopaedic care through education and training of residents participating in the general surgery program. Volunteers will also work with the local staff orthopaedist to help develop an orthopaedic officer training program.

Teaching is mostly informal - at the bedside, in the clinic and OR. HVO volunteers will participate in rounds, perform or assist with surgeries, and provide a few lectures. **HVO is seeking volunteers who are board certified/eligible in orthopaedics to fulfill one month assignments. Retired surgeons are welcome.**

To learn more about volunteering with Health Volunteers Overseas, visit the web site <https://www.hvovusa.org/index2.htm> or contact the HVO Program Department at (202) 296-0928.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Are there OTA members who would like to host the OTA SIGN scholarship winners** for a week, either before or after the October 15 - 18 Annual Meeting? The SIGN (Surgical Implant Generation Network) scholarship winners are: Dr. Lwin from Myanmar, Dr. Bunn from Cambodia and Dr. Gendin from Russia.

It's a long plane ride for a short meeting. If you can offer to host either scholarship winner, please contact Dr. Lew Zirkle, (375)571-1107 or e-mail: lgzirkle@sign-post.org.

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