Letter From Theodore Miclau III, MD

Despite a tumultuous past two years, the International Orthopaedic Trauma Association (IOTA; http://internationalota.org) continued to grow its active collaborative projects. Three new societies (South Sudan Orthopaedics and Trauma Society, Pakistan Orthopaedic Association, and Ecuadorian Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology) have joined the association, bringing the total number of member organizations to 23 societies representing 24 countries, a doubling of the number of IOTA member societies since its founding in October, 2017. The collaborative projects, many of which will be reviewed in this newsletter, include supplementary publications, combined virtual and in-person symposia, and research studies. Programs postponed by the pandemic, including fellowship exchanges and meeting co-sponsorship, will resume in 2022. Most notably, the inaugural Triennial Meeting, which had been rescheduled both in 2020 and 2021 will finally be held in Amsterdam from December 14-16 in conjunction with the host Dutch Trauma Society. It will be during this meeting that the first class of Fellows of the IOTA (FIOTA), an honorary recognition bestowed on prominent leaders and contributors of the global orthopaedic trauma community, will be inducted. The Triennial Meeting will be another opportunity to promote the goals of the IOTA: to share ideas and practices, support collaboration, and create new opportunities to move the field of musculoskeletal injury care forward worldwide.

The year 2022 also brings a new editor of the newsletter, Bertil Bouillon of the German Trauma Society, who takes over for Tim Chesser of the British Orthopaedic Trauma Society. The IOTA would like to thank Dr. Chesser for his strong efforts and welcomes Dr. Bouillon as editor of this newsletter, which will highlight many of the ongoing IOTA activities. As the Chair of the IOTA Steering Committee, I look forward to an exciting year.

1st IOTA Triennial Meeting
Mark your calendar for the combined IOTA 1st Triennial Meeting and Dutch Trauma Society (NVT) International Conference taking place December 14 – 16, 2022 in Amsterdam! Plans are well underway for what we expect to be a highly engaging meeting of trauma surgeons from around the world. You won’t want to miss this inaugural event that will be packed with cutting edge scientific sessions, interactive breakouts and symposia, networking opportunities, and social events showcasing the beautiful and historic city of Amsterdam.

The abstract submission site, meeting registration, and housing are now open! Please visit the [meeting website](#) for details, and note these important deadlines:

- April – September 26, 2022: Discounted pre-registration
- August 1st: Abstract Submission Deadline (note: the deadline extension from July to August!)
- Hotel Accommodations: [Early reservations are highly recommended!](#)

The IOTA Steering Committee also looks forward to welcoming the 1st inaugural class of Fellows of the IOTA (FIOTA). This newly created honorary distinction of “FIOTA” was initiated to publicly recognize individuals who have gained a status of outstanding professional contributions and high achievement in the field of orthopaedic trauma education and research worldwide. Each IOTA Society has the benefit of nominating a maximum of only 2% of their membership to join the 2022 FIOTA inauguration.

We hope you will join us in Amsterdam!

Sincerely,

Kees Jan Ponsen, MD  
President, Congress Committee

Victor de Ridder, MD  
Secretary, Congress Committee

Theodore Miclau, III, MD  
IOTA Steering Committee Chair
Save The Date

The 2nd Triennial Meeting will be in Guadalajara, Mexico.
10/29/2025 - 11/1/2025

Welcome New IOTA Society Members

The IOTA Steering Committee was honored to welcome the following new members over the past year:

The Pakistan Orthopedic Association, a non-profit NGO, was established in 1964 by Prof. Z K Kazi, Prof. Ali Muhammad Ansari, and the late Prof. A. Raheem. The POA is comprised of 1,475 members, and is the only legal entity in the country representing a community of Orthopedic Surgeons committed to research, patient care, and training. With its global vision of creating opportunities for education and research, the POA continues to expand with a rapidly growing number of members, training courses, a busy calendar fraught with workshops, and advanced courses for the trainees and consultants. The POA has a governing body with elected representatives from all over the country and its General Body meets every year at its Annual Meeting. The organization gladly offers paid fellowships in Sports Medicine, Spine Surgery, Deformity Correction, Hand and Upper Limb Surgery, Joint Replacement, Trauma and Pediatric Orthopedic surgery. The POA joins the IOTA with a vision to collaborate in academics, global trauma care, and to work together to create a platform full of opportunities for research and education.

The South Sudan Orthopaedics and Trauma Society (SOTS) is a professional association that brings together orthopaedic surgeons, orthopaedic surgery
trainees, and diverse medical professionals with an interest in the field. The SOTS, established in August 2021, is a not-for-profit organization that focuses on unifying the above roles towards the common goal of enhanced patient care, healthcare professionals' welfare, and transformed lives. Our society considers access to orthopaedic care a basic human right. The society is leading a strategic endeavor to place itself at the centre of this ambitious drive. The SOTS intends on holding its first scientific conference, a flagship event that will bring together delegates from diverse practice settings to discuss current topics related to orthopaedics in a resource-limited setting. The meeting will be in hybrid format to ensure diverse participation. We are looking forward to this great event.

The Ecuadorian Society of Orthopedics and Traumatology (SEOT), founded in Guayaquil on September 18, 1952, is a non-profit society and subsidiary of the Latin American Society of Orthopedics and Traumatology (SLAOT). SEOT has 627 members, and the current the President is Dr. Esteban Garcés and the President of the Trauma Committee is Dr. David Escalante, who also represents the SEOT on the IOTA Steering Committee. Through the IOTA and other efforts, the SEOT seeks a greater international presence through their subspecialty committees, to have more and higher-level degrees of research, and to contribute more significantly in high level publications, and publish a greater number of projects that achieve high levels of academic rigor.

IOTA Highlights

IOTA at the 2022 OTA Annual Meeting

Two IOTA symposia are scheduled for presentation at the OTA 2022 Annual Meeting taking place October 12 – 15, 2022 in Tampa Florida. In addition, an exciting and engaging International Trauma Care Forum is planned to take place October 12 – 13, as well as opportunities to re-connect with colleagues at the International and Welcome Receptions.

IOTA Symposium: Fragility Fractures: Current Treatment Controversies
Wednesday October 12th
International Trauma Care Forum
9:35 AM - 10:20 AM
Moderators: Hans-Christoph Pape, MD, FACS, FAAOS, FOA; Kees Jan Ponsen, MD; Dennis den Hartog, MD, PhD; Fernanda Espinoza, MD; Guy Putzeys, MD; Vincenzo Giordano, MD, PhD, FBCS

IOTA Symposium: Fracture-related Infections: Management in the Acute Setting
Thursday October 13th
General Session
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM
Moderators: Theodore Miclau, MD; Achille Contini, MD
In addition, Japan will serve as the official Guest Nation, and present a symposium.

**Guest Nation Symposium (Japan)**
Thursday October 13th
International Trauma Care Forum
8:25 AM - 9:10 AM
Moderators: Hiro Minehara, MD, PhD; Theodore Miclau, MD; Yukichi Zenke, PhD; Akihiro Maruo, MD; Takashi Matsushita, PhD

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IOTA at the Annual Congress of ESTES

**From Kees Jan Ponsen, MD:**
We were honored to present a symposium at the annual congress of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES). After two years of postponement, the congress finally took place in Oslo, Norway, from April 23-26.

IOTA was asked to organize a symposium around the multidisciplinary approach to patients with a pelvic injury. Bertil Bouillon, MD, PhD (Cologne, Germany) started off by discussing the “need to haves” and “want to haves” among diagnostics in this patient category. Klaus Wendt, MD, PhD (Groningen, Netherlands) followed by discussing the initial management of these patients. Zsolt J Balogh, MD, PhD (Newcastle, Australia) made a plea for early definitive management of the majority of pelvic fractures. Guy Putzeys, MD (Kortrijk, Belgium) talked about the growing category of patients with pelvic insufficiency fractures, as well as if and when we should treat them operatively. Finally, Falco Hietbrink, MD, PhD (Utrecht, Netherlands) presented on initial management and further strategies in the most severely injured trauma patients with closed and open pelvic injuries. After a lively discussion that included many highly engaged participants, we concluded that the symposium was fruitful and well-appreciated. We are honored to be invited back for the next congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia next year.

Furthermore, we are happy to report that ESTES will organize a symposium at the IOTA Triennial Meeting, to be held in Amsterdam, Dec. 14-16, 2022.
Congratulations to the IOTA authors and contributors of the following 2022 OTA International: Special Issue (June 2022):

**Secondary Fracture Prevention: Global Approaches**

*Secondary fracture prevention: global approaches*
Theodore Miclau, MD

*The fracture liaison service: its history, current state, how it works, and future directions*
Stephen L. Kates, MD; Theodore Miclau, MD

*Fragility Fracture Systems: International Perspectives - Asia & Australia*
Seth M. Tarrant, BBiomedSc (Hons), MBBS, FRACS, FOrthA; Ji Wan Kim, MD, PhD; Takashi Matsushita, MD, PhD; Hiroaki Minehara, MD, PhD; Tomoyuki Noda, MD, PhD; Jong-Keon Oh, MD, PhD; Ki Chul Park, MD, PhD; Noriaki Yamamoto, MD, PhD; Zsolt J. Balogh, MD, PhD, FRACS(ortho), IACS

*Fragility fracture management and FLS models in South Africa and Israel*
Brian P. Bernstein, MBCh, FCS(SA)Orth; Mlekeleli T.N. Duma, MBCh, FCS(SA)Orth; Omer Or, MD; Tamar Fisher-Negev, Pharm-D; Yoram Weil, MD

*Overview of fracture liaison services in the UK and Europe: standards, model of care, funding, and challenges*
Timothy J.S. Chesser, MBBS, FRCS; Muhammad Kassim Javaid, MBBS, BMedSci, FRCP, PhD; Zaineb Mohsin, MBCh, MSc, MRCP; Carlotta Pari, MD; Alberto Belluati, MD; Achille Contini, MD; Vincenzo Calaffa, MD; Francisco Chana-Rodriguez, MD, PhD; Jesus Gómez-Vallejo, MD, PhD; Coral Sánchez-Pérez, MD; Zoe H. Daliliana, MD, PhD; Nikolaos Stefanou, MD, PhD, BSc; Theodoros Tosounidis, MD, PhD; Michaël Laurent, MD, PhD; Guy Putzeys, MD; Martijn Poeze, MD, PhD, MSc; Kees Jan Ponsen, MD

*Fragility fracture systems, Latin America perspective*
Luis G. Padilla Rojas, MD; Roberto E. López Cervantes, MD; Leonardo López Almejo, MD; Cesar A. Pesciallo, MD; Germán Garabano, MD; Fernando Bidolegui, MD; Vincenzo Giordano, MD; William Dias Belangero, MD; José Octavio Soares Hungria, MD; Miguel Alvaro Triana Q, MD; Gómez Amparo, MD

*Osteoporosis management in the United States*
Timothy M. Hoggard, MD; Kyle J. Jeray, MD

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**Society Updates**

Submit your society, meeting, and event updates [here](#).

Japan will be the Guest Nation for the 38th OTA Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida. The Guest Nation program was initiated in 2011 in recognition of the importance and benefits of sharing knowledge and experience with international colleagues. Each year the leadership of the OTA and the Guest Nation Society have the opportunity to participate and present at each other's Annual Conference. In addition, the Guest Nation Society is offered several benefits including invitation for podium and poster presentation at the OTA Annual Meeting, complimentary 1-year membership, and more.
Ecuadorian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology will hold the forty-eighth National Congress of Orthopedics and Traumatology will be held from October 5 to 8, 2022 in Quito, Ecuador with the participation of 10 subspecialty areas, AO Trauma Latin America and the Society for Women in Orthopaedics.

Have you checked out the OTA Podcast? The OTA Podcast launched in spring 2020 and now has over 100,000 downloads! Topics include: clinical topics, notable papers, symposia, game changers, topics of relevance to young physicians, an ICONS of orthopaedic trauma series, and more!

Have you checked out OTA Online lately? There are over 200 surgical procedures and techniques videos which are open access and available to all (please note: videos are complimentary; visitors are asked to create a login).

Also be sure to check out recent updates to Rockwood and Green! (please note: member login is required. For full access, join OTA today! Membership details)

Upcoming Society Meetings and Events

The IOTA website includes the most current meeting information from IOTA member societies.

SOTS Inaugural Annual Scientific Conference
July 22 - 24, 2022
Hybrid
Event Website

Combined South African Orthopaedic Association Congress 2022
September 5 - 9, 2022
Cape Town
Information coming to their website soon!

59 SECOT Congress
September 28 - 30, 2022
Valencia

Event Website

O.T.O.D.I. 14° Trauma Meeting 2022

October 5 - 7, 2022

Riccione Congress Place Via Virgilio 17, Riccione

Event Website

Ecuadorian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

October 5 - 8, 2022

Event Website

OTA Annual Meeting

October 12 - 15, 2022

Tampa, Florida

Event Website

International Trauma Care Forum

Wednesday and Thursday

XXXI FEMECOT CONGRESS

October 26 - 29, 2022

Veracruz, Mexico

Event Website

35th International Pak OrthoCon 2022

November 24 - 27, 2022

Hotel Serena, Islamabad

Event Website

1st IOTA Triennial Meeting

December 14 - 16, 2022

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Event Website
IOTA Traveling Fellow Observership

After a two-year pause due to COVID, we are excited to announce the IOTA Traveling Fellows Observership have resumed. The following Observership will take place in late 2022/early 2023. The IOTA Steering Committee will confirm plans for the 2023 Observership by fall of 2022.

The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for orthopaedic trauma fellows to increase the depth and breadth of clinical exposure to complex trauma patients and Level I/II Trauma Centers through 1 - 3 month observership programs. All IOTA Observership host institutions will include participation of active OTA members. This program is limited to IOTA society members.

Denver Health (Denver, Colorado)
OTA Member Host: Dr. Cyril Mauffrey
Fellows: Abuduaini Rewuti (China), Yu Neng Li (China), Carlotta Pari (Italy), Francisco Lotti (Argentina)

Harborview (Seattle, Washington)
OTA Member Host: Dr. Sean Nork
Fellows: Alejandro Ordás Bayón (Spain) and Carlos Hernández Pascual (Spain)

Paley Institute (Miami, Florida)
OTA Member Host: Dr. Stephen Quinnan
Fellow: Juan Antonio Porcel Vázquez (Spain)

University of California San Francisco/SFGH (San Francisco, California)
OTA Member Host: Dr. Ted Miclau
Fellows: Leonel Perez Alamino (Argentina), Francisco Talamo (Argentina), James Pegrum (United Kingdom)

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