



IOTA at the Upcoming 2024 OTA Annual Meeting



The Orthopaedic Trauma Association's 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting and all pre-meeting and concurrent events will take place from October 23-26, 2024 at the Montréal Convention Center in Montréal, Canada. There will be more than 350 accomplished orthopaedic trauma surgeon presenters and moderators, sharing their expertise, experience, and perspectives.

The OTA recognizes the importance and benefits of sharing knowledge in a collaborative effort with our international colleagues to assist in the global delivery of a high standard of trauma care. The International Trauma Care Forum and Guest Nations will have over 24 posters on display.

The OTA warmly welcomes our Guest Nation colleagues from the Colombian Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology (SCCOT), the Cuban Society of Orthopedics and Trauma (SCOT), Ukraine AO, the Ukraine Military and the Ukrainian Association of Orthopedic Surgeons. We are excited for the chance to recognize their contributions and achievements!

International Activities

International Trauma Care Forum

- *Wednesday, October 23, 7:30 AM - 4:40 PM and Thursday, October 24, 8:35 AM-11:45 AM.*
- **IOTA Symposia (presented during ITCF)**
 - Wednesday, October 23 – 12:45 PM: *Rehabilitation Systems: A Global Comparison*
 - Thursday, October 24 – 10:45 AM-11:45 AM: *Unstable Pelvic Fractures in Patients with Hemodynamic Instability: Global Treatment Controversies* (this one will be presented at the Annual Meeting in the General Session Room)

International Reception

- Wednesday, October 23, 4:50 PM-6:00 PM

Opening Session

- Thursday, October 24 at 8:00 AM - General Session Room
Please be sure to be present to be acknowledged during the IOTA representative recognition.

Posters

- Thursday, October 24 – Friday, October 25

International Town Hall Discussion

- Friday, October 25 from 7:00 AM-8:00 AM (EDT)
The goal of this session is to foster a dialog to continue to grow the benefits of the OTA to international members and attendees by learning what their needs are. All international attendees are encouraged to attend!

FIOTA Reception (by invitation)

- Friday, October 25, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM

Guest Nation Symposium

- Saturday, October 26 – 9:00 AM

FIOTA

Report from the FIOTA Subcommittee of IOTA submitted by: Kees Jan Ponsen, MD, FIOTA

Dear Colleagues, we are looking forward to seeing many of you in a few weeks at the OTA 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Montreal. Our committee is working hard on organizing the group of Fellows of the IOTA (FIOTA), the first of which were inaugurated at the 1st IOTA Triennial Congress in Amsterdam in 2022. In this light, we would like to invite you to have a look at the [FIOTA Member Webpage](#). This page, housed on the [OTA Website](#), is a work in progress, with the goal of facilitating connecting the IOTA societies further through the FIOTA members and stimulating global exchange among the worlds most recognized orthopaedic trauma surgeons. We, therefore, ask for the FIOTA members' help to continue to define the profile of the membership and expectations from our collective group. We encourage the Fellows who have not yet added their biosketches to the website to complete the following [survey](#) to send us their profile information. Next year, during the 2nd IOTA Triennial Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico, the second class of FIOTA candidates will be inaugurated to become members of this group and active ambassadors of the IOTA.

IOTA Symposium at ECTES 2024

Submitted by: Guy Putzeys, MD, FIOTA on behalf of the Belgian Orthopaedic Trauma Association (BOTA)



From left to right: Hans-Christoph Pape, MD, FIOTA; Guy Putzeys, MD, FIOTA; Nikolaos K Kanakaris, MD, PhD; Stefano Cattaneo; Hiroaki Minehara, MD, PhD; Macarena Lopez and Frank Hildebrand, MD.

The [European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery \(ESTES\)](#), a surgical society comprised of orthopaedic and general surgeons, organizes its annual conference ECTES throughout Europe in the spring. ESTES has partnered with the IOTA to sponsor a session since 2022. Frank Hildebrand, President of ESTES, and Chris Pape and KJ Ponsen, representatives of the IOTA, organized a session on Fracture-Related Infections (FRI) at this year's annual meeting in Estoril, Portugal. The symposium emphasized Diagnostics and Treatment Modalities – a topic previously covered in an IOTA Symposium at the 2022 OTA Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL. As a member of the ESTES advisory committee EAC and FIOTA member, I used the IOTA network to engage speakers from European IOTA societies, some of whom were attending ECTES for the first time. The symposium, moderated by Chris Pape and Guy Putzeys, consisted of four presentations and two case discussions:

- State of the art in diagnostics of FRI by Nikolaos Kanakaris (UK)
- Infected stable intramedullary osteosynthesis by Macarena Lopez (ESP)
- DAPRI protocol in acute FRI of pelvic fractures by Stefano Cattaneo (ITA)
- One stage treatment of FRI with AB impregnated bonegrafts by Guy Putzeys (BE)
- Frank Hildebrandt (GER) and Hiro Minehara (JPN) each presented a challenging case.



The meeting was well attended, interactive, and well received by participants and speakers, as reflected in the following email by one of the speakers:

“Good afternoon everyone. It has been a pleasure to share my first experience at the ECTES congress with you all. It has been a very positive experience, and I hope to repeat it in the future. See you next year.”

Thanks to the IOTA umbrella, we were able to organize such a high-quality meeting. We are looking forward to the IOTA Symposium at ECTES 2025 in Aachen!

The IOTA at the 16th Annual OTODI Trauma Meeting

Fabrizio Cortese, MD (President, OTODI), Achille Contini, MD (OTODI IOTA Representative), and Alessandro Casiraghi (OTODI IOTA Representative)



The Orthopaedic and Trauma Specialists Hospital of Italy (OTODI) thanks the IOTA for its support of the 16th Annual National Trauma Meeting. The congress, held October 2-4, 2024 in Riccione, Italy, attracted over 1,800 attendees and highlighted the IOTA-endorsed symposium and collaboration. The symposium covered topics that included an introduction to the IOTA, as well as complex fractures and aseptic non-unions of the ankle and distal tibia. The OTODI would like to extend its special gratitude to Theodore Miclau, MD (OTA), Tim Schepers (Dutch Association of Trauma Surgery), Daniel Putineau (Belgium OTA), and Stefan Rammelt (German Trauma Society) for their outstanding participation. As a proud founding IOTA member society, the OTODI is looking forward to future collaborations through the IOTA and is excited about hosting the 4th IOTA Triennial Meeting in Milan in 2031.



IOTA at the 2024 TraumaCon



Traumacon Mumbai 2024, hosted by the Trauma Society of India, was held from August 15-18 in Mumbai, drawing an impressive audience of over 100,000 participants. This hybrid event featured a dynamic symposium with esteemed speakers, including Theodore Miclau III, MD, FIOTA, Paul Tornetta III, MD, PhD, FIOTA, and Claudia Medina, MD. Congratulations to Dr. Sushrut Babhulkar for his exceptional leadership in organizing this highly successful event!

2024 IOTA Observership Program

We are excited to announce that the 2024 IOTA Observership Program match cycle was completed this past summer. New to the program this year were international programs outside of the United States. Ten candidates from six different IOTA member countries were matched into these different host sites.

The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for orthopaedic trauma fellows who reside outside of North America to increase their depth and breadth of clinical exposure to complex trauma patients and different trauma care systems (e.g. Level I/II Trauma Centers in the United States) through four to eight week observership programs. All IOTA Observership host institutions include the participation of active OTA members. This program is exclusively available to IOTA society members. On behalf of the IOTA, we would like to thank the host institutions for their participation.

Congratulations to the following fellows on their placements. We wish you all a successful observership experience!

Cedars Sinai (Los Angeles, California)

OTA Member Host: Charles Moon, MD

Fellow: Stefano Cattaneo (*Italy*)

Denver Health (Denver, Colorado)

OTA Member Host: Raveesh Richard, MD

Fellow: Leon Oikonomou (*Greece*)

Hospital Clínico Universitario de Valladolid (Valladolid, Spain)

OTA Member Host: Héctor J. Aguado, MD, PhD

Fellow: Humberto Gomez (*Mexico*), Jonathan Krispel (*Israel*)

Hospital Santa Creu (Barcelona, Spain)

OTA Member Host: Ion Carrera, MD, FIOTA

Fellow: Christian Alberto Rojas (*Colombia*)

University of California San Francisco (San Francisco, California)

OTA Member Host: Theodore Miclau, III, MD, FIOTA

Fellows: Jordan Lawrence Barnaba (*South Sudan*), Omojowk Bachay James (*South Sudan*)

University of Cincinnati Medical Center (Cincinnati, Ohio)

OTA Member Host: H. Claude Sagi, MD

Fellows: Ioannis Sperelakis (*Greece*), Nurit Shadmi (*Israel*)

Vall d'Hebron University Hospital (Barcelona, Spain)

OTA Member Host: Jordi Teixidor Serra, MD

Fellow: Laura Carolina Hernandez (*Colombia*)

IOTA Observership Testimonial



Dr. Dimitrios Ntourantonis, MD, MSc was nominated by the Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (HAOST) to participate in the 2023 cycle of the IOTA Observership Program, where he matched at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre at the University of Toronto hosted by OTA member Dr. David Stephen, MD. When asked what encouraged him to participate in the IOTA Observership Program, Dr. Ntourantonis stated, "It was an opportunity for me to broaden my horizons providing me with the chance to expand my knowledge and skills in treating challenging and complex cases." His key takeaways from his observership experience included the holistic care of patients, preoperative planning, cooperation between different specialties and subspecialties, and the training of future doctors. Dr. Ntourantonis' favorite parts of his experience was the observation of difficult

surgical cases and the tips and tricks needed in order to improve the surgical outcome and how to avoid complications in patients.

Overall, Dr. Ntourantonis expressed, "The center I visited is one of the most famous in North America. The facilities of the hospital were in the proper order to provide the best care in difficult trauma cases. The personnel were highly educated and trained in trauma. One of the pitfalls during my visit was the unpredictable schedule in the operation theater even during the weekdays that has to do in my opinion with the organization of the whole security system. Despite that, my final impression is highly positive and I would like to thank IOTA for the opportunity and HAOST (Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology) for the financial support of this fellowship."

Dr. Dimitrios Ntourantonis, MD, MSc is currently a Consultant in Orthopaedics and Trauma at the University Hospital of Patras in Greece. His research interests are in arthroplasty, major trauma, wrist and hand, and biomechanics.

Save the Date



The 2nd IOTA Triennial Meeting will be in Guadalajara, Mexico.
10/21/2025 - 10/25/2025

OTA International (OTAI)



In Case You Missed It

Be sure to check out the August IOTA Special Issue regarding [Rehabilitation after Musculoskeletal Injury: International Perspective](#)

Society Updates



Register for the 2024 OTA Annual Meeting in Montreal! The meeting will take place from October 23-26, 2024. For more information, please visit the [OTA Annual Meeting Website](#).



Submitted by Takashi Miyamoto, MD, FIOTA on behalf of the Japanese Orthopaedic Trauma Association (JOTA):

This summer in the JSFR council, the board decided to change the official JSFR society name to Japanese Orthopaedic Trauma Association (JOTA). The change was made to recognize the focus not only on fracture care, but also the topics associated with Orthopaedic Trauma management. We are excited to announce this news and be known by our new JOTA name by our IOTA partners and other collaborators going forward.



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).

Upcoming Society Meetings and Events



61st SECOT National Congress

October 2 - October 4, 2024

Granada, Spain

[Event Website](#) | [Event Flyer](#)



Annual Congress BOTA

October 5, 2024

Leuven, Belgium

[Event Website](#)



XXXXIV FEMECOT Congress

October 16-19, 2024

Cancun, Mexico

[Event Website](#)



80th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (HAOST)

October 17-19, 2024

Thessaloniki, Greece



German Congress of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (DKOU)

October 22-25, 2024

Berlin, Germany

[Event Website](#)



2024 OTA 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting

October 23-26, 2024

Montreal, Ontario, Canada

[Event Website](#)



51st Annual Meeting of the Korean Fracture Society

April 25-26, 2025

[Event Website](#)



2nd IOTA Triennial Meeting

October 21-25, 2025

Guadalajara, Mexico

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