Feature Story
AO Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting – Lisbon
2010 continues to bring us challenges and new opportunities.

In this Fall Issue of the AO North America NEWS, we bring you an update from the AO Foundation Board of Trustees in Lisbon along with the AO North America Trustee Council Meeting update. A brief look into the new world-wide aona.org gives us insight into what is and will be with MICME. We say farewell to an old friend Terry Cooke as she retires after 15 years of service. We also provide information regarding a ground-breaking, multi-specialty AO meeting announcement for November in Phoenix.

On July 9th through July 12th 2010, the AO Foundation Board of Trustees met in Lisbon. An emotionally filled presentation set start of the meeting, surrounding the remembrance of Martin Allgöwer. This was followed by a number of thought provoking lectures such as planning for the future, education and helping countries around the world. As always, many awards were presented. In the same time frame this July, the AO North America Trustee meeting was held in a separate session, where Mike Baumgaertner was presented and unanimously elected as President-elect of AONA.

Along with ever evolving AONA courses, so will AONA be proactive in evolving its web presence by automating the registration process and many of the facets required for continued medical education. Many features have been released and many more are on the horizon, as AONA releases it’s very own MICME.

After 15 years of dedicated service, Terry Cooke has decided to retire. We thank Terry for all her hard work and loyal service. We wish Terry much happiness and very best wishes for the future.

November draws near and so does the deadline to register for AONA’s Challenges in Fracture Care Across Disciplines in Phoenix, November 11 – 14, 2010. Our theme, “The Power of Synergy — Working Together for a Stronger Tomorrow,” is designed to bring together those in the Orthopaedic Trauma, Craniomaxillofacial and Veterinary medicine to discuss challenges in musculoskeletal fracture care. Be sure to register for this inaugural event.

We are stronger as a region than as a specialty, and we need your support to make us successful. Thank you for all you do for AO education.

Sincerely,

John H. Wilber, MD
President, AO North America
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SHORT BURSTS OF INFORMATION!
Look for these AONA BURSTS throughout the Newsletter.
Dear Colleagues,

The Power of Synergy — Working Together for a Stronger Tomorrow is the theme of the scientific meeting AO North America is sponsoring at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona, over the dates of November 11–14, 2010. For the first time, this uniquely designed meeting will bring surgeons in Orthopaedic Trauma, Craniomaxillofacial and Veterinary medicine together to discuss challenges in musculoskeletal fracture management.

This meeting, open to surgeons across these disciplines as well as fellows and residents, is the perfect opportunity to present the latest ideas and innovations in musculoskeletal care to a multi-disciplinary audience. While we address different issues, we share a common goal in the musculoskeletal care of our patients. Hopefully, this cross pollination will be fruitful both academically and socially. This meeting is of great importance to AO North America, demonstrating the solidarity of the specialties into one cohesive group. It is unique in nature and reinforces the unity of purpose within the AO.

The meeting begins on Thursday evening, November 11th, with an Opening Reception and ends on Sunday, November 14th, around noon. A successful call for abstracts (167 received) shaped the scientific program, allowing cutting edge information to be presented in areas such as: critical bone defects, primary fracture treatment, complex fractures, minimally invasive and computer assisted surgery. General Sessions will include topics of interest to all groups, while plenary sessions will be specialty specific.

This is a multi-sponsored event, and we are seeking exhibitors and sponsors. With a goal of 40 exhibitors, this is a perfect opportunity for companies to present their latest innovations, materials and technology to members of these disciplines. Limited space is also available for industry-sponsored sessions. Almost daily, all of us have interactions with prospective exhibitors and sponsors. We need your help in supporting this meeting and encourage you to spread the word. The full Sponsorship/Exhibitor Prospectus is located and can be downloaded on the AONA website at www.aona.org.

The meeting brochure and registration form will be available online by mid June, 2010. A minimum registration fee of $150 for attendings and $75 for residents and fellows will be required. We realize that we are all used to having all our expenses paid when we are faculty at courses and retreats, and this certainly represents a change. In order to be fair and able to be inclusive, we felt we needed to charge a small registration fee. This meeting is supported by various specialty members.

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If you are interested in working on this very important, ground breaking event or have ideas you want to share, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Over the months leading to the meeting, you will be receiving updates and reminders about the meeting. Hopefully you have already seen some of them either on course site or by emails.

Do not miss this exciting opportunity. This meeting is the first to bring together the disciplines that engage in the care of the musculoskeletal system anywhere; be part of this inaugural meeting. Share your thoughts and your desire for excellence at this Multi-Specialty meeting. Come see your friends and in the process make some new ones. We are stronger as a region than as a specialty, and we need your support to make this successful. Once again the success of this program, like all other AONA programs, rests entirely on the personal commitment and dedication of its faculty. We hope you will seriously consider this unique opportunity.

Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming months. Hope to see you in Phoenix!

Respectfully,

Clifford H. Turen, MD
Chair
2010 Challenges in Fracture Care Across Disciplines

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS OF THE 2010 CHALLENGES IN FRACTURE CARE ACROSS DISCIPLINES
AO North America would like to thank all the sponsors and exhibitors for their contributions to this inaugural event!
Lisbon forms an especially attractive European area for a meeting. It is the closest point in Europe to North America; for centuries, it served as a “stopping place” for Ocean Travel and commerce. Lisbon is the most popular destination for weekend travel in Europe and currently it is the least expensive European Capital to visit. It is rich in history, in Art and Culture in all forms. It is a particularly attractive area to visit.

The general social program began on Friday July 9, 2010 with an introduction by Jacinto Monteiro and Paul Manson, M.D. who were dressed in Portuguese costumes followed by dinner.

The next day, the new trustees were introduced, and there were tributes to Ernesto Zerbi, August Guggenbuhl “one of the original founders of the AO Foundation” by Jorg Auer.

Hansjörg Wyss then delivered an address “Remembering Martin Allgöwer”, which was a personal remembrance of Dr. Allgöwer’s contributions to him, Science, and the AO Foundation. The lecture was very significant and ended with Martin disappearing into the clouds. Paul Manson then gave an emotional talk reflecting his two years as President of the AO Foundation entitled “Leadership, Heros and a Conversation with An AO Founder.” Dr. Manson pretended that he was talking to Martin Allgöwer who descended in the clouds and gave him some advice about present and future problems and the leadership and direction of the AO Foundation.

Joseph Gruss, M.D., from Seattle Children’s Hospital, then presented the Craniofacial Palatoplasty topic “Modern Craniofacial Surgery” where he covered trauma, tumors, and congenital malformations. Dr. Manson felt that this was one of the best short summaries of the topic that he had heard presently.

Rita Garnell PhD., a guest of Jancinto Monteiro, M.D., a PhD in Art History presented a stirring topic “Bones Broken and Mended, Healthcare on Board Portuguese Ships in the 16th and 17th Centuries”. This was an outstanding historical presentation that described the topic of medical care on ships which was wonderfully illustrated and gracefully given.

Edward Luce, M.D. from Memphis Tennessee then presented one of two lectures that he gave, this one on “The Aging Surgeon”. This was an extremely thoughtful talk about how one evaluates and transitions from the later stages of a surgical career to retirement.

Michael Wagner described the recent events in AO Trauma and Geoff Richards then discussed research and the directions of the AO Research activity in Davos.

J.P. Cabasu, gave a wonderful presentation on AO Vet the “newest” but “oldest” AO Foundation specialty. Paul Demmer presented a talk on improving the AO in countries where financial resources for health spending are limited and he then was presented an award for his years of service dedicated to improving the AO in less developed countries. The AO again welcomed back Jim Harrison, who discussed what the AO should reasonably do for the developing world where it was difficult to get AO equipment for techniques. The officers of the AO Foundation then organized a campaign to transfer personal per diems to Dr. Harrisons work in Malawi and Dr. Manson and Dr. Getner made substantial contributions of their honorary awards to this effort.

In the evening, the social program began with a tour of Tower de Belem where the trustees were able to see the original guard tower for the
THE NEXT TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING

Next year, the Trustees meet in Berlin, late July 2011.

They also visited the St. Geronimo’s Church in Lisbon and then traveled to the restaurant Kais where they enjoyed dinner with acrobats and dancers as entertainment. On Sunday, the trustees had their general assembly meeting where again vigorous discussion occurred on the proposed Bylaw changes which was finally resolved in another session the following morning which was similar to the Trustees Meeting in 2009 in Chicago. In the general assembly, the Hank Hanff award was presented by Jack Wilber and the Morris Mueller fellowship award was instituted by Hansjörg Wyss.

Dr. Manson made a special recognition of the College of Surgeons of Ireland Fellowship Award to Eric Johnson M.D. from UCLA.

In the elections, Norbert Haas, M.D. was confirmed as President of the AO Foundation 2010-2012 and Jaime Quintero M.D. was confirmed as President Elect.

Edward Luce M.D. then gave a second lecture on the “Education of Residents and Fellows: a perspective across 35 years” which was a stimulating analysis from a senior educator. Michael Redies and John Shaffer then presented a plan for AOE-Learning Activities, describing the new learning platform and search technologies.

Parallel breakout sessions were then held that emphasized specific aspects of Foundation Resources or Information available or specialty presentation.

In the late afternoon, there was a presentation to Marvin Tile who in 2009 received the “Award of Canada”. This award was previously received by Joseph Schatzker, M.D. and in 2010 we should note that it was given to Patrick Gullane, from Toronto, another AO faculty member. This is quite an outstanding record for the institution of the University of Toronto.

SJ Olshansky PhD. from the University of Illinois then presented a lecture on “The Quest for Immortality-Designing Humans to last” which was a reflection of how our bodies could be better re-designed to last longer and resist disease.

Sunday night was the night of the World Cup Finals in Soccer and we met at the Convento Beate, an old convent, for an evening of watching the finals on a large television screen while entertainment was provided by singers and cheerleaders.

The trustees were adorned with hats reflecting their hopes for the winning team.
AO North America has made a significant investment this year in enhancing its web presence and automating many tasks required to execute educational events. The system has been named MICME (pronounced ‘My CME’) to represent the overall scope of Management of Identity, CME, Membership and Events. MICME has been designed to allow for future expansion in both features and membership growth.

Some of the features already released include:

– Online registration for participants with credit card processing, immediate confirmations, wait-list processing and pre-requisite checks for specialty, professional level and required courses.
– On-site participant check-in with bar codes and the ability to confirm badge and certificate information prior to printing.
– Individual session check-in.
– Post-course participant evaluations, CME claiming and certificate printing
– Online Faculty selection, invitation, acceptance and disclosure for an event.
– Faculty claiming of CME and printing of certificates
– Conflict of Interest Resolution and Reporting
– Self-maintenance of contact and professional data

Additional Features planned in the next six months:

– Faculty assignment and acceptance process
– Individual Faculty assignment review with direct links to relevant teaching materials (video and lecture archives)
– Faculty Evaluations
– Online processing and approvals for Faculty, Fellowship, Preceptorship and Sponsor Applications
– Expedited faculty payments

In the near future, all AO North America Faculty will be invited to login to MICME and update their contact and professional information and to review their disclosure and CME History. We look forward to providing an enhanced educational experience for all of AO North America’s participants, Faculty, supporters and staff.

As with any new technology implementation we’re experiencing some growing pains and we greatly appreciate your patience. All of us at AONA are working hard to minimize the impact and to quickly find solutions to problems as they arise. Your feedback during this process would be greatly appreciated. Please email me with issues or new ideas at webb.don@aona.org
Thank you Terry!

Terry Cooke, Manager Specialty Course/Spine, has retired after 15 years of dedicated service.

As depicted in the above picture, Terry surrounded herself with great surgeons and consequently delivered great AOSpine courses for AO North America. Terry was hired in 1995 and quickly moved to the Continuing Education Department responsible for AOOCMF courses. Her first AOSpine course was in Bermuda.

Eventually the number of specialty courses increased and she was dedicated to AOSpine in 2002. Terry was part of the formation of the Spine Education Committee which was formed in 1997 under the leadership of many notable AOSpine surgeon members such as Mitch Harris, Mike Janssen, Randy Chesnut, Cameron Huckell and Marcel Dvorak.

Terry has always been an avid reader. However, now she reads her favorites from her ‘nook’ instead of the book.

We thank Terry for all her hard work and loyal service.
We wish Terry much happiness and very best wishes for the future.

Welcome Aboard!

AO North America would like to welcome Jessica Kimball and Mike Lewis as the newest members of the AO North America staff.

Jessica Kimball joined AO North America in June as the new Specialty Course Manager for Spine. Prior to joining AO North America, Jessica spent the last six years working as a Surgical Technologist in various Trauma Centers throughout the United States. During her time in the OR she specialized in orthopedics and spine. Jessica also comes to us with a background in business management.

Mike Lewis joins us as Controller for AO North America. Mike comes to us after serving for nine years as the Vice President of Finance and Operations at Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA). In that position, Mike brought superior financial leadership and a strong background in strategic planning, fiscal analysis and reporting to the organization. BBBSA is the headquarters of the leading one-on-one mentoring organization in the U.S, with 380 agencies and $270 million of annual revenue.
Monday’s session was chaired by Norbert Sudkamp M.D. and featured presentations on the clinical priority programs of bone defect, spine, fragility fracture patients, and imagining in craniomaxillofacial surgery.

The T.K. Innovation Prize was presented to Paul Paulov for his immense contributions to the AO Foundation over 20 years.

Tim Pohlemann M.D. then presented his vision for the new structure and activities of the TK. Jeff Wang presented a summary of the educational congresses “Research and Clinical” which the Spine Education group has sponsored in 2009 in San Francisco and in 2010 in Montreal for clinical symposium and research symposium respectively. Mamoun Kremly then presented a summary of AO activities in the Middle East, the newest AO Region. The Burton Ron Research prize was presented by Adrian Sugar to T. Jarbine M.D. for her work on the “Skeletal Effects of Estrogen,” a presentation she gave to the AO Trustee Meeting.

Michael Ehrenfeld then described the current craniomaxillofacial problem with diphosphonates and osteonecrosis following administration of some medicines meant to preserve bone in the aging skeleton. This represents an occasional undesirable effect with considerable negative significance.

Andre Volna presented a summary of the AO activities in the post-soviet states. Steve Schwartz discussed Haiti disaster relief operation and Andrew Pollak, the President Elect of the Orthopedic Trauma Association in North America “who was a special invited speaker” discussed his work in organizing Haiti disaster relief and in planning long term care for Haiti. Dr. Pollak in particular described a program where we would begin to train, using the AO Education Network, health extenders in Haiti with the hope that more care could be delivered in that way. The AOA several days earlier had authorized a substantial contribution as a demonstration of the support of the AO towards this goal.

Dr. Manson then closed the general meeting with recognition of outgoing trustees and handed over the presidency to Norbert Haas, M.D who presented a caricature of Dr. Manson’s 2 years as President. That evening, the trustees visited the Palace in Sintra and had dinner at the Colares Wine Cellar where a coral group of monks was present to provide music.

I believe that our goal of making this one of the best Trustee Meetings in recent years was achieved through the cooperation of all of the presenters, the ambiance of the location in Lisbon, the special history of the region and of course the work of the AO employees and staff from Davos and Dubendorf who organized and administered all the details of the program.

The Companion Social Program organized by Kathy Manson, was one of the best in memory.

On Saturday, there was a tour of Eigueira DeSao Rogue and its gardens with a walking and shopping tour and then a tour of the Castle of St. George.

On Sunday the tour of the Home and Gardens of the Palacio followed by a tour of the area. In the afternoon, they visited the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation with its marvelous collection of art. On Monday, the group had lunch at an area outside the city “Where the sea meets the land,” and then visited Sintra and the Palace and the National Palace.

Next year, the Trustees meet in Berlin in late July 2011 for a trustee program in the home city of Norbert Haas, M.D.
The annual AO North America Trustee Council (TC) met in Lisbon, Portugal in a separate session in July. In addition to the normal proceedings (past minutes, operational updates, welcoming new trustees, thanking departing trustees, specialty reports), three highlighted topics were discussed.

Mike Baumgaertner was presented and unanimously elected as President-elect of AONA. His term will begin in July 2011 at the next AONA TC meeting in Berlin. In the interim, he will fulfill his role as North American Trauma Education Committee Chair while gaining background for his future role.

John Wilber (President AONA) presented a new governance structure for AONA, highlighting the need to do so based on not only a changing environment but also the changing needs of AONA. All of the specialties in North America had reviewed and tentatively accepted the structure pending TC approval. In addition to meeting the changing regulatory and compliance environment, the new structure has significant benefits for AONA itself.

- It offers a transparent and structured approach for AONA faculty to advance within the organization
- It allows specialties the flexibility to adapt to their unique situations while offering a structured and balance operational representation for each
- It allows collaboration with the AOF while respecting compliance requirements
- It has operational functionality, including body sizing and outside input
- It allows and enhances cross specialty cooperation in North America

The proposed structure was tentatively approved, with a transition plan for the operational elements to be developed and implemented prior to Berlin and a transition plan for the Board of Directors to be reviewed and approved in Berlin.

John Wilber also gave an update on AONA’s inaugural cross-specialty annual meeting to be held in Phoenix in November 2010. It will be a first of its kind, allowing cross-specialty scientific interaction with multiple sponsors and exhibitors while building upon the cross-specialty camaraderie that differentiates AONA from all other organizations.

The next meeting will be in Berlin in 2011.

2012 Challenges in Fracture Care Across Disciplines

Join us for this unique meeting and experience the Magic of Synergy!

February 23 – 26, 2012

Orlando, Florida

The meeting theme, "The Magic of Synergy — Working Together For A Stronger Tomorrow," is uniquely designed to bring together surgeons across specialties to discuss challenges in musculoskeletal fracture management. Open to surgeons across disciplines as well as fellows and residents, this meeting is the perfect opportunity to showcase the latest ideas and innovations in a multidisciplinary setting.

SAVE THE DATE!
AO Craniomaxillofacial
North America Education Committee (AOCMF NA EC)

As we move into the fall I have the opportunity to reach out to everyone for the first time. The baton was passed on to me earlier this year by Dr. Neal Futran who will continue on as Immediate Past Chair (IPC) until June 30, 2011. We would all like thank Neal for his time and for his noble efforts over the last year to incorporate new educational strategies into our programs.

As the current chair of the AONA CMF Council I’d like to share with you recent organizational changes made since the last newsletter. You may notice a new moniker for what was the Education Committee. In the past months the AONA organization has adopted a different Governance Structure; bringing new and exciting opportunities to diversify the old committee and create additional possibilities for faculty to be more involved in the overall activities that make AONA CMF the leader in continuing medical education.

The AONA CMF Council met recently in Halifax for the summer 2010 meeting and discussed the future of our organization.

I would also like to discuss with you a change made regarding lecture archiving. In the past, we had the opportunity to choose one of three choices regarding the disposition of lectures we give at the courses. Due to a new business decision by AONA, moving forward your lecture(s) will be saved on the AONA Network Storage for a period of six years. However, you will have the opportunity to agree to this at the time you receive your invitation to the courses. Should you prefer not to allow AONA to store your lecture(s) you will have the opportunity to decline the invitation at that time.

In June, I had the opportunity to participate in an eLearning Retreat in Philadelphia conducted by AONA. This retreat brought together members from each of the specialties to discuss how to move forward with eLearning and incorporating it into our courses.

AONA CMF, represented by Mark Engelstad, DDS, MD and myself drafted a strategy containing short term, mid-term and long term goals. This strategy was discussed and vetted at the summer Council meeting.

The first goal, implemented for the Minneapolis Principles Course conducted in September, offered three modules to a group of participants (selected at random) prior to attending the course. We requested they review the modules and be prepared to answer a series of AIRS questions at the course. Questions were designed to evaluate what was learned through the module review and also to rate if the group felt they were more prepared at the course.

Based on the feedback, the next goal is to offer several core lectures online as a prerequisite to attending the live course. Individuals will be asked to take a post test to gauge how much they understand. On site, participants will receive brief lectures aimed at clarifying any information not gleaned from the online lectures as well as, major points that need to be reiterated. By presenting the information online, the object is to allow additional time on site for practical exercises and small group discussions. As well, it would permit for more topics to be presented and/or the expansion of those already being offered.

A long term goal would be to have an application with modules developed to provide point of care (POC) instruction for surgeons at the patients’ bedside.

While we feel we can achieve the first of these goals in a relatively short period of time the long term goal most likely will take additional time and resources. Currently, there is no time frame established for this goal.

In early July, AONA rolled out a new online course management system (MICME) that is designed to streamline course management from both the Chair/Faculty perspective and for the course organizers in the CME Department. This system will allow most, if not all, tasks regarding course preparation to be conducted and managed completely online.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone for their continued contributions to AONA CMF Education. On behalf of the Council we look forward to sustained collaboration.
2010 – 2011
Craniomaxillofacial Course Schedule

2010

November 6–7  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
New Orleans, Louisiana

December 4–5  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Los Angeles, California

2011

January 7 – 9  Challenges and Advances:
Focus — Ballistic Injury Management (with cadavers)
New Orleans, Louisiana

April 16 – 17  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Oak Brook, Illinois

May 12 – 14  Challenges and Advances:
Focus — Microsurgery
Baltimore, Maryland

January 22 – 23  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

August 4 – 7  Challenges and Advances:
Focus — Aesthetics
Boston, Massachusetts

February 11 – 13  Advanced Symposium:
Focus — Evidenced Based CMF Surgery: Outcomes in Trauma and Reconstruction
Squaw Creek (Lake Tahoe), California

August 27 – 28  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Montreal, Quebec

February 26 – 27  Challenges and Advances:
Focus — Orbital Fundamentals (with cadavers)
Rosemont, Illinois

November 5 – 6  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Jacksonville, Florida

March 12 – 13  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Kansas City, Missouri

November 19 – 20  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Charlotte, North Carolina

March 19  Challenges and Advances:
Focus — Orthognathics
Washington, DC

December 3 – 4  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
La Jolla, California

April 9 – 10  Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction
Dallas, Texas

All activities are certified for continuing medical education credit

All courses subject to modification

To register, please visit the AO North America website at www.aona.org
By the end of calendar year 2010, AONA will have delivered 17 trauma courses attended by 1968 participants, which represents an almost 25% increase in volume compared to just 1 year ago. In order to deliver these courses AONA recruited new staff members. We welcome: Michael Lewis, Carol Bruton, & Sandra Arts to the Paoli office. The rollout of MICME, and the addition of more comprehensive features will further enhance our ability to effectively register, coordinate, evaluate our courses.

Highlights of the year included the first annual Caribbean Trauma Update that was discussed in the last newsletter, and the second Pediatric Fracture Management Course sponsored by AONA. The Solutions Course in San Francisco featured a preceding one day trauma fellows symposium, and a program of fully integrated and expanded small group discussions centering on “vetted” complex cases. For the 8th time, AONA returned to the Marco Island Marriott for the springtime concurrent Basic and Advanced Principles and courses- 54 faculty and 40 staff supported 166 participants. Stand alone principles courses were successful in Denver and Minneapolis, as was the annual Pelvic and Acetabular (with cadaveric dissection) Course in Toronto. The year concludes with back to back principles courses in Ft. Lauderdale, a Geriatric Fracture Management Course in Scottsdale, and then concurrent Basic and Advanced Principles in Toronto.

Congratulations to this year’s Howard Rosen Award winners:

- Phoenix Principles: Steve Olson
- Denver Residents: Samir Mehta
- Marco Island Principles: Chad Coles
- Minneapolis Residents: Carol Copeland

Tania Ferguson (UCDavis) was selected as the first North American to attend an AOTrauma Chairman’s Educational Program in preparation for chairing a course. As a result of the experience, Tania introduced new teaching strategies to her Denver course (Co-chaired with Marc Aiken). Tania talks about her experience: “The CEP taught me, philosophically, how physicians learn. My teaching style-from lectureship to table instructing-is completely changed as a result. Outside of direct mentorship, it has been the most influential experience on my approach to clinical education to date, and I think every educator should be lucky enough to attend this course.”

AO North America Musculoskeletal Trauma Education Committee (NAMTEC)

Dave Hubbard and Greg Berry will attend the next CEP (in Dubai) in preparation of their chairmanships of the Sun Valley courses in March, 2011.

Ten AONA faculty will travel to Davos in December to take part in teaching the Basic and Advances courses. As in previous years, faculty invitations are offered to those who have not been to Davos in the last five years, and have a minimum of 15 points on the activity matrix.

NAMTEC revised the way new faculty are introduced to teaching at an AONA course. No longer relegated to his/her lab table, each first time faculty is given a lecture assignment, a senior faculty mentor to work with throughout the course, and graduated duties at the lab table and small groups as the course progresses. We feel this emphasizes the unique “on the fly” skills required to be an effective instructor. On line, self-paced teaching modules will soon be required to be completed prior to a first course assignment.

After last year’s roll out of a customizable course companion and electronic course evaluation, the major change to AONA course structure this year involved a switch in “sawbones” suppliers, from Synbone to Sawbone. This resulted in some cost savings, and teaching models that were generally considered more effective, and easier to modify.

Next year the Caribbean Trauma Update returns to Cancun in January and an entirely new “Fellows Cadaver Symposium” debuts in April. The course will be a 2.5 day intense cadaveric symposium at the Miami Anatomical Research Center (M.A.R.C.), in Miami. This Symposium will be open to trauma fellows only and an educational grant has been given to AONA to cover all costs to the participants. Cliff Turen and Tim Weber will chair this inaugural event. Please get your fellows to sign up early as we are limiting registration to 40.
# 2011 Orthopaedic Course Schedule

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AO North America Hand Education Committee (NAHEC)

It has been a productive year for the Hand Education Committee and the AONA Hand/Upper Extremity programs. After introducing the regional concept for education over the last year, the response has been tremendous. The courses have been a mechanism for AO North America to fill a gap in exposure to more detailed fracture principles for the upper extremity. We have continued the AO tradition with concise lectures, interactive small group discussions, and clinically applicable lab exercises. These courses have also been a mechanism to engage more faculty in the educational process. More courses are planned for 2011 and the Committee encourages site applications for 2012. It is not too early to plan for these courses.

One of the major initiatives has been to improve course content as a template for the regional courses. The content is very much dependent on the quality of the clinical cases. Every faculty member has wonderful case examples which represent the principles of fracture care. We would encourage all members to submit these cases to the repository. Please send them to the Hand eRoom for case discussion (http://a1.aona.net/eRoom/AONA/AONorthAmericaHAND).

After a successful comprehensive hand course in Orlando this spring, it has been determined that a cadervic course will be offered in 2011 (May 17-19 in Miami) and the comprehensive course to return in 2012 (March 15 – 18 in Dallas). The ability to emphasize soft-tissue procedures as part of management in the upper extremity will enable us to fill a clinical gap in principle education.
# 2011 Hand Course Schedule

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The Hilton at Easton Town Center was the venue for the Columbus Veterinary Courses that were held from April 22 to April 25, 2010. Even with the volcano in Iceland spewing ashes over Europe, several invited International faculty members were present for the longest running course offered by AO North America. Unfortunately, not all international faculty members could secure their flights causing some to cancel their arrangements to teach at the courses. All the Faculty members present pulled together and after some last minute rearrangement of the lecture assignments, the course went forth with great success.

This year the Columbus course offerings included Principles of Small Animal Fracture Management, Advanced Techniques in Small Animal Fracture Management, and Equine Principles of Fracture Management. Dr. Ken Johnson and Dr. Michael Kowaleski were the Chairmen for the Small Animal Courses and Dr. Alan Ruggles and Dr. Larry Bramlage were the Chairmen for the Equine Course. The faculty should be commended on three excellent course offerings. The Veterinary Courses continue to draw participants from the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, the Asia Pacific regions, and Australia.

As NAVEC looks towards the end of 2010, final planning is underway for the La Jolla Veterinary Courses in September and the Veterinary Technician’s Workshop in Seattle that is being held in conjunction with the ACVS Symposium.

NAVEC is also planning for a busy 2011 Course schedule. The schedule includes six courses at three venues. The Columbus Small Animal Principles, Small Animal Advanced and the Equine Advanced Courses in April; the La Jolla Small Animal Principles and Small Animal Masters Courses in September; and an exciting new course offering on Minimally Invasive Osteosynthesis in Veterinary Traumatology. The Minimally Invasive Osteosynthesis course will be a “cadaver-based” course, which will have a special announcement on the date and location.

Based on the results of this fall’s Veterinary Technician’s Workshop at the ACVS symposium, there will be continued discussion on the potential to hold the next AO North America Veterinary Technicians Workshop in conjunction with the ACVS symposium in 2011. The committee also continues to investigate the potential for two more Master’s level course offerings: Veterinary Neurological/Spinal Injury and a Veterinary Craniomaxillofacial Course.

The next planned meeting for NAVEC is scheduled for October 21, 2010 at the ACVS Symposium.
2011
Veterinary and Podiatric Course Schedules

Veterinary Courses

April 7 – 10  Principles of Small Animal Fracture Management
             Columbus, Ohio

April 7 – 10  Advanced Techniques of Small Animal Fracture Repair
             Columbus, Ohio

April 7 – 10  Equine Advanced Techniques of Fracture Management
             Columbus, Ohio

(date to be determined)  Minimally Invasive Osteosynthesis in Veterinary Traumatology — Small Animal (with Cadavers)
                        (location to be determined)
Watch for a special announcement on MIO cadaver Courses!

September 29 – October 2  Principles of Small Animal Fracture Management
                          LaJolla, California

September 29 – October 1  AO Masters Course on Advanced Osteotomy — Small Animal
                          LaJolla, California

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Podiatric Courses

March 24 – 27  Podiatric Basic
               Charlotte, North Carolina

March 24 – 27  Podiatric Advanced
               Charlotte, North Carolina

July 21 – 23  AO Podiatric Masters Course: Minimally Invasive Osteosynthesis Surgery
              Las Vegas, Nevada

September 7 – 10  Podiatric Basic
                   La Jolla, California

September 7 – 10  Podiatric Advanced
                   La Jolla, California

The Podiatric Education Courses are co-sponsored by The Podiatry Institute of Decatur, Georgia and AO North America. The Podiatry Institute of Decatur, Georgia, is approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education as a sponsor of continuing education in Podiatric medicine.

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Spring 2010 was a busy time for AOSpine North America. In addition to our regular offering of the Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents and Fellows and Advanced Concepts in the Management of Spinal Disorders, in April, AOSpine North America once again offered the highly anticipated Aging Spine Symposium at the Westin in St. Louis, Missouri. The international faculty consisted of neurologic and orthopaedic spine surgeons, rheumatologist, geriatricians, and physiatrist experienced in the treatment of the elderly. This course was chaired by Paul Matz, and Ashraf Ragab.

As the current population of North America ages, the incidence and prevalence of spinal disease is expected to increase. Co-morbidities that directly affect bone (osteoporosis and arthritis) and that indirectly affect bone (renal failure, cancer, obesity) will likely escalate. This one and one-half day symposium provided participants with in-depth information on the latest techniques and concepts of treatment for the aging patient with spinal disease, including cost containment issues.

This spring also saw the introduction of a new scientific journal tailored exclusively for the spine community. EVIDENCE-BASED SPINE-CARE JOURNAL (EBSJ), the official scientific publication of AOSpine International debuted in May 2010.

Evidence-Based Spine-Care Journal (EBSJ) is a cutting edge journal dedicated to identifying, describing, and developing the highest quality evidence related to the treatment of spinal disorders. This peer-reviewed journal sets the stage for evidence-based practice and will influence the future of spine surgery for years to come. EBSJ focuses on comparative studies of effectiveness and seeks to stimulate high quality spine-related research.

EBSJ is a unique concept with regard to format and streamlined presentation of information. The goal is to provide an accurate, concise presentation of information that can be grasped “at-a-glance” by busy spine surgeons. Additional web-based appendices allow the interested reader to obtain additional information, study data and to verify study components.

2011 PRINCIPLES AND TREATMENT OF SPINAL DISORDERS FOR RESIDENTS
“New Interactive Format”
January, Las Vegas, Nevada
2010

November 19–20  
**Advanced Techniques for Complex Spinal Resection and Reconstruction**  
Baltimore, Maryland

2011

January 21 – 22  
**Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

April 28 – May 1  
**Advanced Concepts in the Management of Spinal Disorders Course***  
San Diego, California

May 20 – 22  
**Spine Tumor Symposium***  
Boston, Massachusetts

August 19 – 20  
**Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

September 22 – 25  
**Advanced Concepts in the Management of Spinal Disorders Course***  
Chicago, Illinois

October 28 – 29  
**Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents**  
Toronto, Ontario

November 18 – 19  
**Advanced Techniques of Spinal Resection and Reconstruction***  
(with cadavers)  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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For information on AOSpine Membership, please go to [www.aospine.org](http://www.aospine.org)
The CME Advisory Board (CMEAB)

The CME Advisory Board (CMEAB) and Ethics and Content Validation Subcommittee (ECVSC) have been working on a number of items over the past few months.

Highlights include:

- The development of a policy on the disposition and archiving of lectures given at AONA courses. As a non-profit organization, having a policy in place is good business practice and provides a level of protection for both faculty and AONA were there to be any sort or audit or question about our educational purposes. Details will be forthcoming in a letter to all AONA faculty about the policy and plan for implementation in January 2011.

- AONA will soon begin to prepare its self-study for the next reaccreditation by the ACCME. The CMEAB will begin the process in December to submit the self-study in July. The ACCME will conduct a survey of our organization and educational practices in the fall of 2011 and make their final decision in March of 2012. The CMEAB feels confident that we will once again be able to renew our accreditation status as a provider of continuing medical education for surgeons.

- The ECVSC continues to monitor and refine the Conflict of Interest Identification and Resolution process, which has been going well. The ECVSC extends its appreciation to AONA faculty for their support of this important component of our overall CME program.

- The ECVSC has been working on a policy and guidelines for faculty regarding ethics and professionalism. In today’s era of scrutiny, it is important for AONA to have a policy and process in place for handling issues and complaints, as rare as such an occurrence may be. More information will be sent to faculty in the near future.

- A retreat for on-line learning was held in June with representatives from each specialty. The goal of the retreat was to begin to explore the opportunities for AONA to deliver education in a variety of ways via the internet. As our learners are changing in how they prefer to learn, AONA is positioning itself to be able to meet their educational needs. Pilot projects are being formulated and the CMEAB continues to work on the development of a business model for the on-going development and delivery of on-line learning.

Watch for more details coming soon!
The meeting theme, "The Power of Synergy — Working Together for a Stronger Tomorrow," is uniquely designed to bring together surgeons in Orthopaedic Trauma, Craniomaxillofacial, and veterinary surgery to discuss challenges in musculoskeletal fracture management. Open to surgeons across these disciplines as well as fellows and residents, this meeting is the perfect opportunity to showcase the latest ideas and innovations in a multidisciplinary setting.

For additional information, please visit www.aona.org
AO North America Sponsored Programs

In accordance with AO’s mission of improving trauma patient care across specialties by focusing on the philosophical foundations of education, research, development and documentation, AO North America (AONA) sponsors and oversees six programs that span a surgeon’s career.

**Basic Fracture Management Preceptorship**
Provides a senior level resident with an in-depth period of training in the basic management of fractures at a recognized AO North America Center or with an AONA member. As this is a 1:1 relationship with a practicing traumatologist, the individual gains a deeper insight into the management of fractures. This is not meant to replace an AO Trauma Fellowship, but to allow greater in-depth study.

**Visiting Professor Program**
Provides financial support for North American hospitals to invite an AO Faculty member (from North America or Europe) as a Visiting Professor in the teaching of orthopaedic, craniomaxillofacial or veterinary trauma treatment.

**Trauma and Fracture Care Preceptorship**
Provides a practicing North American certified orthopaedic, craniomaxillofacial or veterinary surgeon with the opportunity to improve or refine his/her skills in fracture care at an approved AO Center or with an AONA member.

**Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship Support Program**
By invitation only, the program offers full financial support to selected fellows for training that strengthens trainees, host institutions and the field of orthopaedic traumatology.

**Kathryn Cramer Memorial Award**
Honoring Dr. Kathryn Cramer, the award enables medical students, young orthopaedic residents, orthopaedic trauma fellows and junior orthopaedic trauma faculty to pursue educational and research endeavors in orthopaedics (preferably orthopaedic trauma).

**Henry Hanff Fellowship Award**
Provides a practicing North American or Western European trauma surgeon with funding, including living expenses for four to six weeks. The fellow may choose to work with a specific AO faculty professor related to fracture care in North America or Western Europe.

AONA has been a pioneer in expanding the horizons of orthopaedic trauma patient care and research. We encourage you to visit [www.aona.org](http://www.aona.org) to fully explore how you can become part of this lifelong professional experience. Join the tradition!
AO North America Administered Fellowships

AO Foundation’s Fellowship program began in 1971 and now stands at a total of over 5,000 sponsored fellowships. Akin to AO North America (AONA) sponsored programs, AO Foundation’s programs span a surgeon’s career. The four programs currently sponsored by the AO Foundation and administered by AONA locally are:

- **AO International Standard Fellowship**
  Offered to surgeons who are in their last year of residency or have just completed their residency training.

- **John Border Fellowship**
  A unique, annual fellowship offered to one graduating North American trauma fellow who plans a career in academic trauma surgery.

- **Jack McDaniel Fellowship**
  A prestigious fellowship given to one North American Resident each year. Recipient is selected annually by an AONA fellowship committee.

- **Martin Allgöwer Trauma Fellowship**
  Offered annually to one practicing North American trauma surgeon; the fellowship covers study at an European AO Center.

AO North America Research

In the spirit of focusing on the philosophical foundations of education, research, development and documentation, AONA is proud to support research for both residents and practicing surgeons in breaking new therapeutic horizons through three programs.

- **AO North America Resident Trauma Research Support**
  Offered to residents for clinically oriented projects, this complementary support is used to supplement existing endeavors that further the bounds of clinical care. Additional detailed information on eligibility, guidelines, timing, applications and contacts are available at [www.aona.org](http://www.aona.org)

- **AONA/OTA Research Grant**
  A “seed” grant jointly sponsored by the OTA (Orthopaedic Trauma Association), this support is aimed at pilot studies focused on developing data for subsequent, more substantial grants. The grant is subject to both AONA and OTA requirements, and further detailed information on eligibility, guidelines, timing, applications and contacts can be found at [www.ota.org](http://www.ota.org)

- **AO Foundation Research Grants**
  The AO Foundation offers significant support through both “start-up” grants which are given for exploring novel approaches/topics in areas of general interest for AO and “Focus” grants which are given for specific topics. Further detailed information on eligibility, guidelines, timing, applications and contacts can be found at [www.aofoundation.org](http://www.aofoundation.org)
AO North America supports an annual award in memory of Dr. Kathryn Cramer, specifically honoring her contributions to orthopaedic trauma patient care and education. Orthopaedic surgery residents and fellows pursuing careers in orthopaedic traumatology or orthopaedic traumatologists in their first two years of practice are eligible to apply. This Award sponsors educational and research endeavors to foster career development. Funding may be used for research projects or travel for educational reasons. Requests for up to $15,000 for one year are considered.

The awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2010 recipients. Dr. Arun Aneja is a second year orthopaedic surgery resident at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. His project is entitled: Inflammatory response to trauma in obese versus lean rats. The other grantee is Dr. Roshan Shah. He is a fourth year orthopaedic surgery resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. His project is entitled: The effect of low magnitude signals on tibial shaft fracture healing. Both residents are interested in academic careers and in the practice of orthopaedic traumatology.

AO North America is pleased to support these projects and the career development of these individuals.

Please visit our website for additional information: www.aona.org

Henry Hanff Fellowship Award — 2010

Hank Hanff, an American orthopedist with a practice in New Port Richey, Florida, has donated a large endowment to the AO to enable surgeons from North America, Ireland, Switzerland or Great Britain to apply for an AO Fellowship in one of these four places. These are the locations in which he has been most active in his faculty role.

Hank has attended more than 100 AO Courses in his career, serving as a faculty member on most of them. He calculates that in total he has spent a year of his life on AO courses. This makes his gesture all the more magnanimous.

Paul Manson, President of the AO Foundation, gratefully accepted Hank’s check as part of the opening ceremony of the AO Davos Courses in December 2008. Hank’s passion and commitment to the AO was explicitly mentioned at the ceremony and is well-known to all those who have ever met this genial Floridian.

Addressing the audience in Davos, Hank explained the reason for his generosity, saying, “I was always too busy to put my ideas into practice—this is my way of giving something back. I am honored.”

The AO Foundation is now one Fellowship richer thanks to the generosity of one of its long-serving faculty members. We thank Hank for sponsoring this Fellowship which is a gift that will resonate in the careers of many AO surgeons to come.

Congratulations to the 2010 Henry Hanff Fellowship Award Recipient – Matthew Schramski, D.O.

Chief Resident: Michigan State University/Ingham Regional Medical Center
Proposed Fellowship: Sunnybrook, Toronto
Active researcher and traumatology interest
Three AO courses: Basic, Advanced, Pelvic

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