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ANNUAL
MEETING



Registration is Now Open

2026 OTA Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN

The Orthopaedic Trauma Association's 42nd Annual Meeting, along with all pre-meeting and concurrent events, will take place September 23–26, 2026, at the Nashville Music City Center in Nashville, TN.

This year's program features an impressive lineup of more than 350 accomplished orthopaedic trauma surgeons, presenters, and moderators, sharing their expertise, experience, and diverse perspectives through cutting-edge sessions, case discussions, and symposia.

As part of OTA's continued commitment to advancing global collaboration, the International Trauma Care Forum and Guest Nation program will feature over 20 international posters, 36 paper presentations, and 5 symposia highlighting research and best practices from around the world.

OTA is honored to welcome our Guest Nation colleagues from the Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (HAOST) and the Ecuadorian Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology (SEOT). We look forward to celebrating their contributions and strengthening global partnerships.

[**Preliminary Program**](#)

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Register now for the 2026 OTA Annual Meeting and
Secure the early bird rate by August 23, 2026.

[Register Now](#)

Reminder to International Members and Attendees:
Don't forget to notify your bank of your travels before you come to the Annual Meeting

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International Attendees Requiring a Visa Letter:
Please visit the [International Attendees FAQ page](#) for more details
and to [download the invitation letter](#).

Save the Date



The 3rd IOTA Triennial Meeting will be held in Kyoto, Japan
hosted by the Japanese Orthopaedic Trauma Association (JOTA).

November 1-4, 2028

IOTA at the 25th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ECTES)



Submitted by: Kees Jan Ponsen, MD, PhD, FIOTA, IOTA President Elect

The IOTA was invited to organize a symposium at the 2026 ECTES meeting in Stockholm, Sweden on April 27, 2026. The topic was on implementing evidence-based outcomes of recent trials in your daily practice, regarding successful and failed trials, and the technique of implementing the evidence. The faculty consisted of members of IOTA societies from Belgium, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, and the UK. It was skillfully moderated by Guy Putzeys, MD, FIOTA. It had a great, interactive audience, and was a successful, well-attended European Congress.

We are thankful to the ECTES Organization for their invitation and for the opportunity to participate in the podium presentations. We surely will continue collaborating with the ESTES in future meetings.

IOTA Registry Update

Submitted by: Brian Bernstein, MBBS, FIOTA



The IOTA Registry Work Group has investigated the opportunity to capitalize on the international forum of its membership to assess the feasibility of database amalgamation in the preparation of combined research articles. The cross-institutional and cross-border logistics of data transfer, along with differential privacy laws pose a challenge. To address this challenge, the IOTA Registry Work Group has initiated a proof-of-concept study.

Several solutions have been proposed, and the decision was made to proceed with a limited data collection trial on distal femoral fractures in adults. The data will be collected and de-identified by the individual institution (or country) before cross border transfer. The initial data will be housed in the RedCap database at Vanderbilt University. Data will be collated, and a trial research paper will be prepared.

Inclusion and exclusion criteria have been established and a data use agreement has been proposed. Each institution and/or country will obtain the relevant ethics approval locally. The data will be anonymized in accordance with local authority regulations before being transferred in Excel format to Vanderbilt and then entered into the RedCap database.

After the first four months, the data will be accessed and interrogated, and a report commissioned to present at the 2026 OTA Annual Meeting in Nashville in September 2026. Barriers and obstacles will be identified, and, if feasible, an additional two months of data collection will be conducted. This will then allow for a prospective six-month body of data to be incorporated into articles. The IOTA Steering Committee will propose the initial article, including the primary and corporate authorship allocation.



FIOTA Member Webpage

We invite you to explore the [FIOTA Member Webpage](#) on the OTA website. It is a growing hub designed to connect IOTA societies, celebrate the Fellows, and promote global collaboration among leading orthopaedic trauma surgeons.

As this page continues to evolve, your input matters. Current FIOTA members are encouraged to help shape the vision of our global network by sharing their profile information. If you are a FIOTA member

and you have not yet submitted your profile, please take a moment to complete the brief [FIOTA Webpage Profile Form](#).

Together, we'll continue strengthening connections and advancing excellence in orthopaedic trauma care worldwide.

IOTA Observership Testimonial



Dr. Thomas Huygen, MD was nominated by the Belgian Orthopaedic Trauma Association (BOTA) to participate in the 2025 cycle of the IOTA Observership Program, where he matched at Endeavor Health Hospital in Chicago, IL, hosted by OTA members Rajeev Garapati, MD, Arif Ali, MD, and Alexander Crespo, MD.

When asked what encouraged him to participate in the IOTA Observership Program, Dr. Huygen stated, "I wanted to gain exposure to a different healthcare system and observe how orthopaedic trauma care is organized and delivered in a high-volume U.S. fracture center. The observership also provided an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with colleagues from a different training and practice environment."

His key takeaways from his observership experience included gaining valuable insight into workflow organization, surgical decision-making, and multidisciplinary fracture care in the U.S. healthcare system. He particularly appreciated the emphasis on efficiency, the highly standardized operative workflows, and the consistent OR setups and instrumentation across surgeons and procedures.

Dr. Huygen's favorite parts of his experience were the opportunity to spend time in the operating room and clinic discussing different approaches to fracture care and complex trauma cases. He also enjoyed that Endeavor Health functions as a high-volume fracture center, providing exposure to a broad range of trauma cases and operative techniques. He was impressed with the wide variety of implants and surgical equipment immediately available on site, creating an environment with excellent operative flexibility and efficiency.

Overall, Dr. Huygen expressed many thanks to the orthopaedic trauma team, including Rajeev Garapati, Arif Ali, and Alexander Crespo, for the warm welcome and openness in sharing their experience and surgical perspectives throughout the observership.

Dr. Thomas Huygen, MD is currently in his second year of orthopaedic trauma fellowship at the University Hospital Centre Vaudois (CHUV) in Lausanne, Switzerland. His research interests include orthopaedic and geriatric trauma, pelvic and acetabular surgery, and perioperative optimization.

OTA International (OTAI)



In Case You Missed It

Check out previous issues of [IOTA Supplements](#).

The OTAI is honored to announce the following societies as official
OTAI Affiliates:



Argentine Association of Orthopedic Trauma (AATO)



Trauma Society of India (TSI)



Japanese Orthopaedic Trauma Association (JOTA)

Society Updates



The South African Orthopaedic Trauma Society (SAOTS) continues to strengthen its focus on education, research, and collaborative care. Current priorities include registrar training, expanding research participation, promoting trauma registries and outcome tracking, and fostering collaboration with both local and international trauma organizations. **SAOTS will host a 2-day subspecialty meeting during the South African Orthopaedic Association Congress in Cape Town from August 31-September 3, 2026.** Visit the [Congress Website](#) for more information.



OTA FractureBook: Current Practice of Trauma and Fracture Management

The OTA is excited to announce the launch of the OTA FractureBook! Created in collaboration with more than 200 OTA member authors and editors, this continuously updated resource has been made **available for FREE worldwide**.

Log in with your OTA credentials or create a free OTA account to access: <https://fracturebook.ota.org/>



Trauma Care in Resource-Scarce Settings is Now Live

The OTA created a dedicated work group to identify and streamline the most valuable educational resources for colleagues in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). The group developed an interactive webpage that organizes fracture-specific information by anatomical region. By clicking on different areas of the skeleton, users can easily access relevant resources and educational content.

Access the [Trauma Care in Resource-Scarce Settings Webpage](#) today!



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 free OTA account login).

Upcoming Society Meetings and Events



2026 OTA Annual Meeting

September 23-26, 2026

Nashville, TN

[Event Website](#)



18th OTODI Trauma Meeting 2026

October 6-9, 2026

Riccione, Italy

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



52nd Congress of the Ecuadorian Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology

October 8-10, 2026

Cuenca, Ecuador

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



FEMECOT XXXVI Mexican Ortho/Trauma Congress

October 21-24, 2026

Mexico City, Mexico

[Website](#)



Virtual International Residents Course - Africa/Europe

November 12-13, 2026

Registration Opens in July. More details to come.



3rd International Pelvis and Hip Congress

January 14-16, 2027

Karachi, Pakistan

[Website](#)



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