



IOTA Newsletter: Special Edition

2nd IOTA Triennial Meeting



The highly anticipated Second Triennial Meeting of the International Orthopaedic Trauma Association (IOTA) held this past October in Guadalajara, Mexico was a resounding success and an important milestone for the global academic orthopaedic trauma community. The strength of an academic meeting can be measured by its attendance, engagement, scientific content, and collegiality, and this meeting excelled in all areas. With participants and faculty representing 35 countries, the program featured more than a dozen topic areas including 85 podium presentations, 26 symposia, 24 Tips & Tricks, and 116 posters.

A total of 312 participants from over 30 countries gathered in Guadalajara for this truly international event. The meeting officially began on Tuesday, October 21 with a full day of concurrent paper sessions and symposia. A highlight of the opening day was the inauguration of the Fellows of the IOTA (FIOTA), during

which 139 members from 22 IOTA societies were inducted as the second class of Honorary Fellows of our rapidly growing organization. The day concluded on Tuesday evening with a lively and well attended IOTA reception.



Throughout the remainder of the congress, high quality scientific sessions were complemented by numerous opportunities for networking, collaboration, and professional connection. Attendees enjoyed two memorable social events, including a full-day city tour of Guadalajara, with an excursion to the town of Tequila, as well as the Tuesday evening reception which featured refreshments and the vibrant sounds of a mariachi band. These events provided a welcoming environment to reconnect with colleagues and establish new professional relationships.



IOTA member societies including the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) extends sincere gratitude to our FEMECOT partners for co-hosting the meeting alongside their Annual Meeting. Their leadership in local arrangements and close collaboration were instrumental to the success of this event. We also thank the many members from IOTA societies who contributed as presenters, panelists, and moderators.

Finally, we congratulate the newly inaugurated Fellows of the IOTA (FIOTA) on this well-deserved recognition as global leaders in orthopaedic trauma as nominated by their respective societies. The Second Triennial Meeting established strong momentum as we look ahead to the next gathering in Kyoto in 2028, and we are excited to continue advancing collaborative initiatives in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Theodore Miclau III, MD, FIOTA
IOTA Steering Committee Chair

Luis Padilla, MD, FIOTA
Congress Committee, 2nd Triennial/FEMECOT Congress

Save the Date



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

Introducing the Newly Inducted Fellows of the International OTA (FIOTA)



On Tuesday, October 21st, the second class of the Fellows of the IOTA (FIOTA) nominated from 22 different countries, took the stage as they were officially inducted at the ceremony led by Dr. Theodore Miclau III, MD, FIOTA, IOTA Steering Committee Chair, and Dr. Luis Padilla, MD, FIOTA, Congress Committee, 2nd Triennial/FEMECOT Congress.

FIOTA is an honorary acknowledgement 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 member had the benefit of nominating a maximum of 1% of their membership to this newly created distinction of 'fellow of the IOTA', or 'FIOTA', and are now able to carry the honorary letters after their names. These letters indicate the national recognition and international standing of the FIOTA member. Congratulations to all of the newly inducted Fellows of the International Orthopaedic Trauma Association!

2025 FIOTA Members

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.

2025 IOTA Observership Program

We are excited to announce that the 2025 IOTA Observership Program match cycle was completed this past summer. Building on last year's expansion, the program once again included international host sites outside of North America, providing valuable opportunities for global collaboration and knowledge exchange. 14 candidates from seven different IOTA member countries were matched into 11 different host sites in the United States, United Kingdom, and Spain.

The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for orthopaedic trauma surgeons 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: Daniel Leite Mesquita (*Brazil*)

Grady Memorial Hospital / Emory University

(Atlanta, Georgia)

OTA Member Host: Jaimo Ahn, MD, PhD

Fellow: Sotirios Plakoutsis (*Greece*)

Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital
(Boston, Massachusetts)

OTA Member Hosts: Michael J. Weaver, MD and Thuan Ly, MD
Fellows: Ariel Rodriguez (*Mexico*) and Konstantinos Tsivelekas (*Greece*)

North Bristol NHS Trust
(Bristol, England)

OTA Member Host: Lynn Hutchings, MB BChir, MSc, DPhil
Fellow: Nissan Amzallag (*Israel*)

NorthShore University Health System
(Chicago, Illinois)

OTA Member Host: Rajeev Garapati, MD
Fellow: Thomas Huygen (*Belgium*)

Paley Orthopedic & Spine Center / St. Mary's Medical Center
(West Palm Beach, FL)

OTA Member Host: Stephen Quinnan, MD
Fellow: Leonardo Hideto Nagaya (*Brazil*)

Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopaedics
(Baltimore, Maryland)

OTA Member Host: Janet Conway, MD
Fellows: Matthaios G. Kapiris (*Greece*) and Amit Davidson (*Israel*)

Sant Pau Campus Salut Barcelona
(Barcelona, Spain)

OTA Member Host: Ion Carrera, MD, FIOTA
Fellow: Giuseppe Talesa (*Italy*)

University of California San Francisco
(San Francisco, California)

OTA Member Host: Theodore Miclau III, MD, FIOTA
Fellows: Maria Oulianski (*Israel*) and Esmee Engelmann (*The Netherlands*)

University of Missouri

(Columbia, Missouri)

OTA Member Host: Brett D. Crist, MD

Fellow: Marcos Paulo Sales dos Santos *(Brazil)*

University of Texas Medical Branch

(Galveston, Texas)

OTA Member Host: John C. Hagedorn II, MD

Fellow: Wendy Reyes *(Mexico)*

OTA International (OTAI)



In Case You Missed It

Check out the August 2025 IOTA Special Issue: [State of Orthopaedic Trauma Registries Worldwide](#)

**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



Expanding Our Global Community

The International Orthopaedic Trauma Association (IOTA) is thrilled to welcome several new societies to our growing global network! This year, we proudly introduce the Taiwan Orthopedic Trauma Association, Ukrainian Association of Orthopedic Surgeons, Association of Filipino Orthopedic Trauma Surgeons, and the Swedish Orthopaedic Trauma Society as the newest members of IOTA.

Their addition strengthens IOTA's mission to foster worldwide collaboration, share expertise, and advance the field of orthopaedic trauma, uniting a global community dedicated to improving patient care around the world.



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



Have you checked out the [OTA Podcast](#)? The OTA Podcast launched in the spring of 2020 and now has over 100,000 downloads! Topics include: clinical issues, notable papers, symposia, game changers, topics relevant 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 free OTA account login).

Upcoming Society Meetings and Events



2026 OTA Specialty Day

March 6, 2026

New Orleans, Louisiana

[Event Website](#)



Korean Orthopaedic Trauma International Congress 2026

April 24 - 25, 2026



CBOT 2026 - Brazilian Trauma Orthopaedics Congress

June 4-6, 2026

São Paulo, Brazil

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



2026 OTS Conference - Royal Society of Medicine

June 10-12, 2026

London, England | [Website](#)



The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Trauma Association

June 26-27, 2026

Okayama, Japan

[Event Website](#)



18th OTODI Trauma Meeting 2026

October 7-9, 2026

Riccione, Italy

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





FEMECOT XXXVI Mexican Ortho/Trauma Congress

October 21-24, 2026

Mexico City, Mexico

[Website](#)



3rd IOTA Triennial Meeting

November 1-4, 2028

Kyoto, Japan

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