



IOTA at the Upcoming 2026 OTA Annual Meeting

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, who share 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.

International Activities

International Trauma Care Forum (ITCF)

Wednesday, September 23, 7:30 a.m.- 4:28 p.m. and

Thursday, September 24, 8:35 a.m. - 10:33 a.m.

- **IOTA Symposia (presented during ITCF)**
 - **Wednesday, September 23:**
 - **7:35 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.:** *Orthopaedic Trauma Education: Developing the New Generation of Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeons*
 - **2:48 p.m.- 3:38 p.m.:** *Traumaplasty: Considerations and Controversies*
 - **Thursday, September 24:**
 - **8:35 a.m. - 10:33 a.m.:** *Assessing Outcomes of Operative Fracture Care in Low-Resource Environments: The SIGN Surgeon Experience*

Social Program

- **International Reception – Wednesday, September 23 from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.**
 - **Location:** *Level 1 Prefunction Space - Music City Center – look for the flags! All international attendees are welcome!*
- **OTA Rooftop Welcome Reception: Thursday, September 24 from 6:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.**
 - **Location:** *Jason Aldean's, Luke's and Posty's - Address: 307 Broadway*
- **FIOTA Reception: Friday, September 25 – 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**
 - **Location:** *Category 10 Rooftop – Address: 120 2nd Avenue N.*

Save the Date



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

November 1-4, 2028

IOTA at the 2026 Association of Filipino Orthopedic Trauma Surgeons (AFOTS) Congress



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The Association of Filipino Orthopedic Trauma Surgeons (AFOTS) successfully held its Annual Congress on June 20, 2026, bringing together 158 orthopedic trauma surgeons, residents, nurses and other health care professionals, spearheaded by AFOTS President Richie Diyco. With the theme “Orthopedics in Crisis: Preparedness for Natural and Manmade Disasters,” the congress brought

together with orthopedic trauma professionals for a day of learning, collaboration, and fellowship. 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.

Global Perspectives Through IOTA

A highlight of the program was the International Orthopaedic Trauma Association (IOTA) Fellows' online presentations, featuring Jaime Leal of Colombia and Andrii Lysik of Ukraine. Their presentations offered valuable international perspectives and experiences in orthopedic trauma care, emphasizing the importance of global knowledge-sharing and collaboration.

An inspirational message from Professor Ted Miclau highlighted the benefits of joining IOTA, including opportunities for international networking, continuing education, professional collaboration, and exchange of knowledge and experiences among orthopedic trauma specialists worldwide.

The congress emphasized the importance of preparedness, teamwork, adaptability, and multidisciplinary coordination in responding to natural and manmade disasters.

The 2026 AFOTS Annual Congress reaffirmed the organization's commitment to excellence, preparedness, resilience, and international collaboration in advancing orthopedic trauma care in the Philippines and beyond.



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 to strengthen connections and advance excellence in orthopaedic trauma care worldwide.

IOTA CEO/Executive Director's Forum

The IOTA Forum for society CEOs/Executive Directors held its second meeting in July, focused on "Engaging the Next Generation Workforce." Cynthia Vezina of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA) led an engaging discussion, with strong participation from several IOTA societies.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at 7:00am CDT, featuring a keynote discussion on AI Digital Transformation for Medical Associations, led by Alex Koutis of the Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (HAOST) in Greece.

This Forum covers topics of mutual interest with the potential to help advance our societies. With member organizations spanning so many different countries and healthcare systems, there is tremendous potential for us to learn from one another's experiences, challenges, and solutions. The Forum is intended primarily for the lead Administrator of each Society, though others who are interested are welcome to join.

If you do not currently have a representative participating in the IOTA CEO/Executive Director's Forum and would like to get involved, please get in touch with Kathleen Caswell at caswell@ota.org.

2026 IOTA Observership Program

We are excited to announce that the 2026 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. The 2026 IOTA Observership Program cycle concluded with a record number of international host-site participants. A total of 25 host sites across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Switzerland, China, Australia, Spain, Belgium, and the Netherlands volunteered to participate.

Nine IOTA society members from the United Kingdom, Italy, Greece, the Netherlands, Colombia, and Mexico were successfully matched with host sites in six countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, 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 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!

**Academic Department of Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery
at the University of Leeds**

(Leeds, England)

OTA Member Host: Peter V. Giannoudis, MD

Fellow: Monserrat Guadalupe Bastidas Martínez (México)

**Hospital Municipal Miguel Couto -
Secretaria Municipal de Saúde do Rio de Janeiro**

(Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

OTA Member Host: Vincenzo Giordano, MD, PhD, FIOTA

Fellow: Alvaro Lasso (Colombia)

North Bristol NHS

(Bristol, England)

OTA Member Host: Lynn Hutchings, MB BChir, MSc, DPhil, FRCS, FIOTA

Fellow: Valerio Pace (Italy)

Royal London Hospital

(London, England)

OTA Member Host: Xavier Griffin, MD, PhD

Fellow: Eleni Pappa (Greece)

Royal Melbourne Hospital

(Parkville, Australia)

OTA Member Host: Andrew Oppy, MBBS, FRACS

Fellow: Esmee Engelmann (Netherlands)

Sant Pau Campus Salut Barcelona

(Barcelona, Spain)

OTA Member Host: Ion Carrera, MD, PhD, FIOTA

Fellow: Mauricio Mora (Colombia)

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

(Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

OTA Member Host: David J. Stephen, MD

Fellows: Miguel Alejandro Aguilar Torres (México) and Kumar Dash (United Kingdom)

University Medical Center New Orleans

(New Orleans, Louisiana)

IOTA Observership Testimonial



Dr. Leonardo Hideto Nagaya, MD was nominated by the Brazilian Orthopaedic Trauma Association (SBTO) to participate in the 2025 cycle of the IOTA Observership Program, where he matched at the Paley Orthopedic & Spine Center in West Palm Beach, FL hosted by OTA member Stephen Quinnan, MD.

When asked what encouraged him to participate in the IOTA Observership Program, Dr. Nagaya explained, "I wanted to participate in the IOTA observership program to allow me to further expand my medical knowledge, refine advanced surgical techniques, and contribute to the exchange of international medical

expertise. Additionally, this fellowship would provide a valuable opportunity to better understand how the healthcare system in the United States operates. Observing the organization of patient care, hospital management, multidisciplinary collaboration, and the integration of new technologies into clinical practice would greatly contribute to my professional development. This experience would also allow me to compare different healthcare models and identify practices that could help improve patient care and orthopedic services in my home country."

His key takeaways from his observership experience included the opportunity to observe and learn advanced orthopedic techniques and complex reconstructive procedures. Among the most important experiences were osteointegration techniques, bone lengthening using electromagnetic telescopic intramedullary nails, limb salvage surgery, management of periprosthetic fractures, revision arthroplasty of reverse shoulder prostheses, and treatment of acromial fractures.

Another remarkable aspect was the excellent availability of surgical instruments, implants, and materials necessary for each procedure, with multiple options that allowed individualized treatment planning for every patient. In addition, the strong support provided by the entire team, including both the medical staff and nursing staff, greatly contributed to the efficiency, organization, and high quality of patient care. The collaborative environment and multidisciplinary teamwork were essential components of the learning experience and represented an outstanding example of excellence in orthopedic practice.

Dr. Nagaya's favorite part of his experience was the opportunity to exchange experiences and discuss challenging clinical and surgical cases with highly experienced orthopedic surgeons. These discussions provided important insights into different approaches to complex cases, decision-making strategies, and advanced treatment options.

In addition, another highlight was becoming familiar with implants and surgical technologies that are not currently available in Brazil. Observing their indications, surgical applications, and clinical

outcomes significantly expanded his knowledge and provided new perspectives that may help improve patient care and orthopedic practice in his home country. Overall, Dr. Nagaya expressed that the observership was an excellent and highly rewarding experience, mainly because of the incredible support, kindness, and patience demonstrated by the physicians and the entire staff at the Paley Institute. The collaborative and professional environment made the learning process very enjoyable and productive. The dedication of both the medical team and support staff created an atmosphere of excellence that greatly enriched his educational and professional experience.

Dr. Leonardo Hideto Nagaya, MD is currently an attending physician with 15 years of experience specializing in shoulder and elbow conditions. His research interests include upper extremity trauma and the shoulder and elbow.

OTA International (OTAI)



In Case You Missed It

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

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



Argentine Association of Orthopedic Trauma (AATO)



Colombian Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology (SCCOT)



Trauma Society of India (TSI)



Society Updates



The Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (HAOST) warmly invites the international orthopaedic and trauma community to its 82nd Annual Congress, taking place October 14-17, 2026 at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre.

Featuring a comprehensive scientific program, distinguished international speakers and more than 400 scientific presentations, the Congress will provide an important forum for knowledge exchange, professional collaboration and networking. HAOST looks forward to welcoming IOTA colleagues to Athens for four inspiring days of science, education and international fellowship. Visit the [congress website](#) for more information.



Registration for the 2026 OTA Virtual International Residents Course -

Africa/Europe is now open! This course is intended for orthopaedic surgery residents in Africa and Europe, and will take place online via Zoom from November 12-13, 2026. The course is divided into small discussion groups of approximately 15 residents, with two to four expert faculty surgeons per module. Topics include diaphyseal, articular, foot and ankle, infections and complications, geriatrics, and pelvis and acetabulum. Challenging cases will be presented and participants will have the opportunity to actively discuss the basic principles of fracture management with the guidance of expert international faculty. [Register now!](#)



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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 that are open access and available to all (please note: videos are complimentary; visitors are asked to create a free OTA account to log in).

Upcoming Society Meetings and Events



2026 OTA Annual Meeting

September 23-26, 2026

Nashville, TN

[Event Website](#)



18th OTODI Trauma Meeting 2026

October 7-9, 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](#)



82nd Athens HAOST Congress 2026

October 14-17, 2026

Athens, Greece

[Event Website](#)



Lviv October Trauma Ortho Symposium 2026

October 16, 2026

Lviv, Ukraine

[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

[Register Now](#) | [Course Program](#)



3rd International Pelvis and Hip Congress

January 14-16, 2027

Karachi, Pakistan

[Website](#)



53rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Trauma Association (JOTA)

August 27-28, 2027

Fukuoka, Japan

[Event Website](#)



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