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What are the findings?

An 82-year-old lady was admitted in the middle of the night because of severe right hip pain and inability to walk after a fall. She suffered from senile dementia and had a history of cementless right total hip replacement done 16 years ago. Before this admission, she walked well with a stick and there was no report of pain. X-ray showed posterior dislocation of right total hip replacement (Figures 1a and 1b).



Fig. 1a



Fig. 1b

Closed reduction of the hip under sedation was successful using the Allis maneuver. However, you noticed 2cm telescoping after reduction of the hip. The hip was dislocatable when it was flexed to 90 degrees and internally rotated to 30 degrees. The patient was immobilized with an abduction pillow. Repeated X-rays were taken.



Fig. 2a



Fig. 2b

Question:

What are the findings in the post-reduction X-rays?

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Pattaya AIC 2009

From 29 October to 1 November 2009, the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand (RCOST) hosted this year's Annual International Conference of SICOT in the wonderful Royal Cliff Beach Resort in Pattaya and they did a great job. A total of 2,675 doctors attended the meeting, 1,775 from Thailand and the neighbouring countries and 900 from the rest of the world. The uncertain political situation in the months before the event certainly affected the international participation but when we were in the country all was very calm and harmonious.

The whole scientific programme was in English, starting with a full day of instructional courses. 268 oral presentations and 497 posters were presented from 1,023 submitted abstracts. The authors came from 66 different countries. The ten countries with the highest number of submitted abstracts were India (190), United Kingdom (99), Thailand (75), Japan (58), Korea (46), Egypt (40), France (36), Turkey (36), Russia (30), and Romania (28).

80 invited speakers delivered lectures during the various sessions, which were also chaired by respected experts in their field. The highlights of the meetings are always the world-renowned special guests invited as Plenary Speakers, who this year were:

- Suthorn Bavonratanavech (Thailand): "Evolution of trauma surgery"
- Shoichi Kokubun (Japan): "Spine surgeries in the aging society"
- Martin Krismer (Austria): "A direct anterior approach for hip arthroplasty - technique, potential, and critical valuation"
- José Morcuende (United States): "Nonoperative treatment of clubfeet: what's the evidence?"
- George Thompson (United States): "Pediatric pelvic osteotomies: indications, contraindications and techniques"

All sessions were very well attended and lively discussions took place at many of them. The industry lunch symposia were fully booked and a huge industrial exhibition offered the latest developments in technology and medical treatment. It demonstrated that doctors and industry are partners in the effort to provide the best care for our patients.

During the different events of the social programme the Thai culture was presented in a very impressive way, demonstrating the richness of this great nation. The very solemn Opening Ceremony was a highlight of the social programme. The unforgettable and extraordinary speech of the famous Mechai Viravaidya who with his "out of the box view" demonstrated how the burning problem of an uncontrolled birth rate could be overcome in a short time. In other parts of the world the situation is exactly the opposite. The other addresses by Cody Bünker, SICOT President, Shantharam Shetty, President of the Indian Orthopaedic Association, and Saranatra Waikakul, RCOST President, are published in this issue of the Newsletter.

The Charity Run at 6 o'clock in the morning was great fun, but merited a greater international attendance.

At the Closing Ceremony, awards and diplomas were handed out and the names of the winners are listed on page 10.

All in all, it was scientifically a very interesting meeting, which was well organised by our friends from RCOST, together with those who were involved from SICOT. We greatly thank the members of RCOST for their overwhelming hospitality as they clearly wished to make all of us happy. We left this wonderful country with the firm hope to return one day.

Jochen Eulert
SICOT Secretary General

International Council Meeting

Bangkok, 28 October 2009



Bottom row:

Charles Sorbie (Canada), John Leong (Hong Kong), Galal Zaki Said (Egypt), Syed Awais (Pakistan), Patricia Fucs (Brazil), Cody Bünger (Denmark), Jochen Eulert (Germany), Thami Benzakour (Morocco), Maurice Hinsenkamp (Belgium), Thamer Hamdan (Iraq), Fred Otsyeno (Kenya), Hashem Alkhatib (United Arab Emirates), Dariush Gouran Savadkoobi (Iran)

Middle row:

Keith D-K Luk (Hong Kong), Wahab Yinusa (Nigeria), Laszlo Bucsi (Hungary), Garnet Tregonning (New Zealand), Katsuji Shimizu (Japan), Hatem Said (Egypt), Gershon Volpin (Israel), Vilmos Vecsei (Austria), Horia-Bogdan Orban (Romania), Kandiah Raveendran (Malaysia), Chyun-Yu Yang (Taiwan), Maximilian Rudert (Germany), Miroslav Haspl (Croatia)

Top row:

Andrzej Bohatyrewicz (Poland), Peter Herberts (Sweden), Ian Leslie (United Kingdom), Nikolay Zagorodny (Russia), Ellewellyn Pasion (Philippines), Geoffrey Walker (United Kingdom), Michael Zimlitski (Georgia), Ebbe Hansen (Denmark), Tomas Trc (Czech Republic), Björn Rydevik (Sweden), Basel Merjanah (Syria), Chadwick Smith (United States), Wichien Lachacharoensombat (Thailand)

SICOT Diploma Examination 2009

The seventh SICOT Diploma Examination took place on Thursday, 29 October 2009 at the Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall in Pattaya, Thailand, and consisted of a written part and an oral part.

The written part comprised of 100 multiple choice questions based on the Hyperguide and lasted two hours from 10:00 to 12:00 on Thursday, 29 October 2009.

The oral part, also lasting two hours, was held on the afternoon of the same day in two slots from 12:30 to 14:30 and from 15:00 to 17:00. Each candidate was examined by two examiners in each of the four major subjects:

- Adult Orthopaedics and Pathology (30 minutes)
- Trauma (30 minutes)
- Children and Hands (30 minutes)
- The Basic Sciences (30 minutes)

We congratulate the following successful candidates and wish them well in their future careers.

- Wisam Alattar (Iraq)
- Mahesh Appiah (United Arab Emirates)
- Ahmed Aqeeqi (Iraq)
- Ahmed Naeem Atiyya (Egypt)
- Ping Keung Chan (Hong Kong)
- Hitendra K. Doshi (Singapore)
- Abdul Ahad Khan (United Arab Emirates)
- Sunil Gurpur Kini (India)
- Vishal Kumar (India)
- Apurv Mehra (India)
- Indranil Pal (India)
- Prashanth Rajanna (India)
- Juan de Dios Robinson (United Kingdom)
- Ashraf Talaat Sheded Faraha (Saudi Arabia)
- Sujit Tripathy (India)

The two best candidates, Hitendra K. Doshi and Sujit Tripathy, were granted the German SICOT Fellowships, which offer them the opportunity to visit well-known German orthopaedic centres for a period of four weeks. The fellowships are kindly provided by the German Section of SICOT.



Hitendra Doshi and Sujit Tripathy were granted the German SICOT Fellowships

SICOT would especially like to thank the international team of examiners who kindly gave their time and expertise to ensure the success of the Diploma Examination.

- Stephen Abelow (United States)
- Syed Awais (Pakistan)
- Andrzej Bohatyrewicz (Poland)
- László Bucsi (Hungary)
- Jochen Eulert (Germany)
- Patricia Fucs (Brazil)
- Maher Halawa (United Kingdom)
- Thamer Hamdan (Iraq)
- Miroslav Haspl (Croatia)
- Vikas Khanduja (United Kingdom)
- Ian Leslie (United Kingdom)
- Frankie Leung (Hong Kong)
- Kandiah Raveendran (Malaysia)
- Maximilian Rudert (Germany)
- Galal Zaki Said (Egypt)
- Shantharam Shetty (India)
- Charles Sorbie (Canada)
- Alasdair Sutherland (United Kingdom)
- Garnet Tregonning (New Zealand)
- Tomas Trc (Czech Republic)
- Gershon Volpin (Israel)
- James Waddell (Canada)
- Geoffrey Walker (United Kingdom)

The next SICOT Diploma Examination will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 2010.

For more information about the Diploma Examination, please e-mail hq@sicot.org.

Opening Ceremony

Speech by Prof Saranatra Waikakul, RCOST President



Prof Büniger and Prof Waikakul ring the gong to open the Conference

Mr Ittipol Koonplumb, Mayor of Pattaya City, Prof Cody Büniger, President of SICOT, Prof Björn Rydevik, President of SIROT, Past Presidents of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand, honourable guest speakers, members of SICOT, members of RCOST, ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Thailand and the beautiful city of Pattaya for the Combined Meeting of the Sixth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference and the 31st Annual Meeting of RCOST.

First, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Mayor of Pattaya City for honouring us and coming to this meeting.

Secondly, I would like to thank the SICOT Committees for selecting Thailand as the host for this wonderful annual scientific meeting. Thank you all guest speakers, presidents of national orthopaedic associations from Africa, Europe, North and South America, Asia Pacific Region, South Asian countries, Australia and New Zealand for your kindness in travelling overseas to attend our combined meeting.

Advances in surgical, orthopaedic and traumatological technology have recently developed very quickly. This makes our orthopaedic communities keep an eye on it consciously and continuously. However, the most important step is “to apply the knowledge in clinical practice for the benefit of mankind” as mentioned decades ago by His Majesty Prince Mahidol, our king’s father and the father of modern medicine in Thailand, to the medical graduates.

Many world-renowned guest speakers from many countries have kindly consented to be present at this meeting to

contribute their knowledge and new innovations to all at our meeting. In addition, all participants will have a great chance to exchange their ideas and knowledge with each other.

The most important things are not only the academic activities, but also the collaboration in terms of research and training, and the social activities. SICOT now expands the collaboration to the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand. This cooperation is a great step in the right direction. I congratulate SICOT for reaching this milestone and look forward to seeing the future collaboration.

I have learnt that before this meeting, both SICOT and the Local Organising Committee, which is led by Prof Wichien Laohacharoensombat, faced many difficulties. However, both teams have worked very hard together, with their strong will to overcome all the problems and make this meeting a beautifully successful one.

On behalf of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand, I would like to express our cordial thanks to both teams. May I also ask all of us here to join me in congratulating and giving a big hand to both the SICOT and the local organising committees for their excellent job?

Lastly, thank you all for your presence at this Opening Ceremony. Please use this meeting to revitalise yourselves, and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones.

My hope and wish is that this meeting will have a lasting impact on our orthopaedic communities for many years to come.

Thank you and welcome.

Now, it is my privilege and pleasure to request Mr Ittipol Koonplumb, Mayor of Pattaya City, to present the city key to Prof Cody Büniger, President of SICOT.

Speech by Prof Cody Büniger, SICOT President

Dear President of RCOST, Prof Waikakul, Conference President, Prof Wichien, President of the Indian Orthopaedic Association, Prof Shetty, Lord Mayor of Pattaya, Ladies and Gentlemen, Honourable Guests and Sponsors,

It is a sincere honour for us to be here today. The road to this conference has been a little rough over the last years, but thanks to RCOST and Prof Wichien this historical first combined meeting of SICOT looks to be highly successful both scientifically and socially with the highest number of attendees (2,700 doctors) ever for our annual meetings. It is also our pleasure to have India with us as the first Friendship Nation of SICOT.



Prof Bünger thanking Prof Laohacharoensombat, Conference President

Many of you may not know what SICOT stands for, and how we see today's roles of SICOT. SICOT was founded in Paris in 1929, and is now celebrating its 80th Anniversary. We have 110 member countries and our daily business is governed by our Head Office in Brussels. The members of our Executive Committee for this triennium are: Jochen Eulert, Secretary General, Patricia Fucs, Treasurer, Maurice Hinsenkamp, President-Elect, Thami Benzakour, First Vice President, Chadwick Smith, Immediate Past President and myself. The decision body of SICOT is the International Council (IC) consisting of one National Delegate from each country. The IC just met in Bangkok and decided upon a new Strategy Plan for SICOT, which includes a number of new initiatives to meet the Global Challenges of Orthopaedics. The SICOT objectives are shared between different forums:

- i) Scientific development and education shall take place in collaboration with national and international societies, as is evidenced by the RCOST/SICOT 2009 Annual Meeting and by the introduction of the SICOT Friendship Nation programme.
- ii) The subspecialty profile of SICOT is created. In fact, more than 92% of our members belong to a subspecialty. This facilitates the cooperation with subspecialty societies and industrial sponsors and further attracts young surgeons to SICOT.
- iii) The SICOT Outreach Programme is founded on our connections to the developing world, where WHO endorsed Education Centres have been created and shall be developed further in collaboration with other major orthopaedic societies. SICOT cannot carry out this major task alone.
- iv) SICOT has devoted itself to promoting the concept of evidence based medicine. This shall be reflected by our scientific programmes. This initiative is based on the increasing needs and competition for health care resources together with the aging population. Best knowledge may provide the best treatment, but we have to redefine best knowledge to be that based on documented scientific evidence. It is a clear message to young surgeons getting involved in research. We must concentrate on establishing level 1 studies, which means sufficiently powered randomised prospective studies with independent evaluators. Lately, the addition of health economic outcome parameters has been found to be very efficient compared to normal outcomes in the search for the best treatment.

With these new initiatives, we feel proud to welcome you all to this RCOST/SICOT 2009 Annual Meeting, where you will find a truly international forum, friendship, a global work perspective, your subspecialty interest, young surgeons' initiatives, and now also evidence based medicine as reflected by the high number of CME points allocated to this Conference.

A warm welcome to all. I am very grateful to Prof Wichien. Thank you for your attention and welcome to Prof Shetty of India.

Speech by Prof M. Shantharam Shetty, President of the Indian Orthopaedic Association



Prof Shetty delivering his speech

Esteemed President of SICOT, Prof Cody Bünger, and galaxy of leaders, colleagues in the field of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am indeed privileged to have been asked to speak at this important function, the inauguration of the SICOT Conference, held in this beautiful city of Pattaya.

First of all, I thank you, President, and your Executives for naming India the Friendship Nation of SICOT and I am happy to tell you that, responding to your gesture, India has the maximum number of delegates and presentations at this conference.

SICOT, in its 80 years of history, has worked for the betterment of our specialty and its members, and it is in conferences of this nature that understanding blossoms, brotherhood is nurtured and fellowship is cultivated. It is up to us to use this source to convert knowledge into skills into wisdom to help our patients.

We are passing through one of the most fascinating periods in the history of mankind, especially in the field of medicine. With the upsurge of biotechnology, nanotechnology, telecommunications, stem cell and gene therapy, time has come to invoke and apply these technologies for the betterment of our patients.

I always feel we are lucky and thank God for making us what we are today. To quote the famous words of George Bernard Shaw: *"Whatever I am in the Society, it is because of my community. Let me give back to the society what I have gained. Let me not be a small little lamp to wither away at the end of the day, let me be an illuminating lamp to illuminate the lives of my fellowmen"*.

So, let us through SICOT be world citizens and leave behind our footsteps in the sands of time for people to remember and emulate.

Let service ennoble us, compassion mellow us, and let justice be the guide of all our actions.



Commemorative Speech

Prof Charles Sorbie
SICOT President 1996-1999

The following speech was delivered by Prof Charles Sorbie during the Presidents' Dinner on Saturday, 31 October 2009 to mark the 80th anniversary of SICOT.

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here we are, the custodians of SICOT, in Thailand, at the other side of the world from its place of birth, almost to the day, 80 years ago, making the point of its concept as a global society.

The Founders, in 1929, intended just that, a truly international society for the face-to-face transfer of knowledge, surgeon to surgeon, each to each. These 21 men shared the same joy of discovery, of creating knowledge, of doing good work and of having compassion for the disabled. They knew what they had to do.

Modern internet communication has made the spread of knowledge more universal but it is still not a complete substitute for personal contact. So, in spite of the almost instantaneous movement of electronic facts around the world, we will still want our Congresses and our Conferences.

Eighty years ago as they gathered in Paris, the first thing our Founders had to overcome was language. Few spoke English, even fewer spoke French, yet they had to find a language in which to communicate and express their common emotions. One man, Willem Murk Jansen from Holland, became the translator 'extraordinaire'. I hope you noticed me slipping into French there. Just like the aristocrat in the fairy tale: "Bon!" cried the Count, lapsing into fluent French.

Gustave Flaubert wrote in the 19th century "Language is like a cracked kettle on which we beat out tunes for bears to dance to, while all the time we long to move the stars to pity".

Our Founders did a great job in 2 days on the language for the Constitution and a set of Bylaws that with few revisions, stand today while although not moving the stars to pity do keep us close to one another and able to express compassion if not pity.

Shakespeare, that master of the English language, introduced to us in Act 1 Scene 1 of his play "The Tragedy of King Richard the Third", the badly deformed King Richard and his cry of anger, following one of the Wars of the Roses: "Now is the

winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this son of York". This great soliloquy was a wonderful opportunity, recently, for a company in England that sold sporting goods, to open a sale borrowing on Shakespeare's language. The company put up a banner reading "Now is the Discount on our Winter Tents".

Thinking about moving stars to pity and of tents, Sherlock Holmes, that famous literary detective and his companion Dr Watson went out one night into the desert to set up camp. It was a clear, cool, starry night. After pitching their tent they got into their sleeping bags and went to sleep. In the middle of the night, Sherlock Holmes woke, sat up and roused Watson. "Watson" he said "what do you see?" and Watson replied: "I see Andromeda, Orion with his belt and up there Polaris and look over there, the Plaides". Holmes said: "No Watson you fool, what you see is that someone has stolen our tent".

Language has never been a major block to our goals. At one time large sums of money were spent at our Congresses providing instantaneous translation into 5 languages. Now one is enough. But sometimes the way it is spoken can be confusing, my indelible Scottish accent for one. I attended my first SICOT International Council at Istanbul in 1976. It was presided over by the SICOT President, Calogero Casuccio, a charming, wonderful man from Italy. He kept referring to that very deforming disease "Dysplasia" - Dysplasia this and Dysplasia that -. I was baffled until I realized that he was saying "It is a pleasure" Dysplasia to see you, dysplasia to announce the names of the new members and so on.

Another awakening for me at that same meeting in Istanbul was watching Dr Ridvan Ege, our host at the Banquet, stuffing banknotes down the front of the pants of a belly dancer. It is apparently an ancient tradition in Turkey and not a preliminary financial transaction as it appeared to me or a kind of down payment for later considerations.

I had another more scary experience in my life with SICOT also at the hands of a former President, this time at the Montreal Congress in 1990. Attending the cocktail party before the

Banquet at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, the President, Sir Dennis Paterson, with Lady Mary, insisted on standing at the top of an escalator to shake the hands of all arriving guests. The escalator soon became full of people as Dennis chatted with the first to go up and no one could get off. The impending disaster was spotted and we rushed in to drag Dennis, protesting, away. Fortunately there were no broken ankles at the bottom end or people falling over the sides but I could swear I saw some orthopaedic surgeons reaching for their business cards.

Here we are tonight; SICOT has survived and is at 80 years, surging with a new energy led by Cody Büniger and Jochen Eulert. Cody has embraced the importance of 'evidence' of the clinical effectiveness of what we do, the importance of proof. As a Scot I am particularly proud of that demanding Scottish school master, James Mill, father of the economist, John Stuart Mill. Like Cody, he said, but in 1820, "One of the greatest objects of education should be to generate a constant and anxious concern about evidence". Cody is planning that SICOT should take on just such a constant interest in 'scientific evidence' of clinical outcomes.

Jochen is a serious and very hardworking man with vigorous new ideas to boost SICOT but we hope it will not be "Wir sind nicht hier zum Vergnügen", "we are not here for enjoyment". Not really, he does have a good sense of humour.

SICOT has introduced in its 80 years some very effective instruments, for example:

- The Telediagnostic
- Education Centres
- The Diploma Exam
- The Web Forum
- The Journal "International Orthopaedics"
- Annual International Conferences
- The SICOT Foundation
- Grants, Scholarships, Fellowships and many other benefits of membership.

The Society is attempting to appeal to all divisions of orthopaedic and trauma surgery. The broad, encompassing speciality of orthopaedic surgery is evolving into smaller areas of anatomic excellence driven by a trajectory towards the

advance of extreme technology. Surgeons have been focusing on ever more limited segments of surgical care at the cost of lost versatility. However, reading through programmes of SICOT Congresses over the past 80 years, as I have done, reveals the clever way its Congress and Conference programme Chairs have adapted to this evolution by anticipating the demands of the ever narrowing specialties, while maintaining the central, common interest of all orthopaedic surgeons. SICOT has not become an antiquated, but an energetic, 80 year old.

The Society is constantly improving its appeal to the contemporary, cultural point of view, which is global. Barriers are gone and frontiers only limit national geography. Dominant languages are helping to reduce nations to villages with dialects. As Sir Robert Jones, our first President said: "science favours no language".

SICOT, with a smart Head Office Staff, is now designed for action and is making prudent decisions for the future. It is conscious of their consequences. Perhaps like the man who had his credit card stolen. The thief started making purchases with the card. The card owner realised he was spending much less than his wife, so he decided not to report the loss.

I believe our Founders of 80 years ago would be pleased with the professional, civil and social society they started and as they did, we look forward to a worthy future as we give our patients compassionate care from more knowledgeable and better trained surgeons.

SICOT in other words, can be compared to an empire but not one of politics, governance or technical prowess, one of education and health care. It is a society of ideals, of professionalism and of competence.

Anyway, I feel a new energy in SICOT responding perhaps to the competition from a changed and evolving world orthopaedic community, driven by division into super specialties and affected by restricted funding.

But we are SICOT. We will adapt, we will succeed, SICOT will grow with new members all of whom share those same professional ideals of our Founders.

SICOT Award Winners

Congratulations to the following on winning a SICOT award at the Sixth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference in Pattaya:

Australian SICOT Awards



Fernando Alcides Claros Pizarro (Bolivia)

Lester Lowe SICOT Awards



N.S. Harshavardhana (United Kingdom)



Ndubuisi O.C. Onyemaechi (Nigeria)



Devdatta Suhas Neogi (India)

Henri Bensahel Award

Chanika Angsanuntsukh (Thailand)

SICOT Oral Presentation Awards

Hitoshi Sekiya (Japan)
Philippe Hernigou (France)
Hwa-Chang Liu (Taiwan)
Masato Takao (Japan)
Sorasak Suppaphol (Thailand)
Stephen Ka Lok Lam (Hong Kong)
Channarong Kasemkijwattana (Thailand)
Roberto Pelucchi (Italy)
István Szabó (Hungary)

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SICOT Poster Awards

Miroslav Haspl (Croatia)
Yoshinori Soda (Japan)
Zoltan Koos (United Kingdom)
Sukit Saengnipanthkul (Thailand)
David Pokorny (Czech Republic)
Christian Wong (Denmark)
Gun Keorochana (Thailand)
Yoshitaka Eguchi (Japan)
Byung-Ki Cho (Korea)
Phichet Wongrot (Thailand)

Photos of Pattaya AIC 2009

National Delegates' Banquet - 27 October



Prof. Cody Bünker, Patricia Fucs, and Wichien Laohacharoensombat



Prof. Wichien Laohacharoensombat and Jochen Eulert



A toast to SICOT and RCOST

Opening Ceremony - 29 October



Mr Ittipol Koonplumb, Mayor of Pattaya City, presenting the city key to Prof. Cody Bünker



Dr Mechai Viravaidya delivering the keynote lecture



Photo of the SICOT and RCOST Officers

Fun Night - 30 October



A volleyball match at the Fun Night



Dr Hatem Said (centre) with a group of attendees

Charity Run - 31 October



Prof. Saranatra Waikakul, Jochen Eulert, and Cody Bünker

Presidents' Dinner - 31 October



Muay Thai (Thai Boxing) performance



"KHON YOK ROB" performance



Prof. Wichien Laohacharoensombat, Cody Bünker, and Saranatra Waikakul

Seventh SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference combined meeting with the Swedish Orthopaedic Association (SOF)

31 August - 3 September 2010 - Gothenburg, Sweden



Australian SICOT Awards

Funded by the SICOT Australian section

Awarded since 2004 at each annual international conference and triennial world congress to young surgeons. The prizes of AUD 3,000 each are to help cover travel and accommodation expenses of young deserving surgeons who otherwise would not be able to attend the SICOT meeting. The award is administered by the Young Surgeons Committee. Candidates must be under 40 years of age and members of SICOT.

Documents to submit: application letter, CV, copy of birth certificate or passport, abstract(s) for the conference through the online abstract submission system on the SICOT website (deadline: **15 January 2010**), and SICOT Membership Application Form (unless already a SICOT member).

Deadline for application: **28 February 2010**

Lester Lowe SICOT Awards

Funded by the SICOT Foundation

Two prizes of up to USD 1,000 each and a diploma will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony to trainees who must be under 35 and members of SICOT. The purpose is to allow them to attend a SICOT Annual International Conference.

Documents to submit: application letter stating the cost of an economy return airfare to the conference location, CV, copy of birth certificate or passport, and SICOT Membership Application Form (unless already a SICOT member).

Deadline for application: **1 April 2010**

Applications may be submitted by e-mail, fax, or post

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Important notice: Candidates may not apply for more than one award for each Conference. Awards winners are entitled to free conference registration and must attend the Closing Ceremony on Friday, 3 September 2010 to receive their prize.

For more information, please e-mail: awards@sicot.org

Abstract submission deadline: 15 January 2010
Please submit your abstracts in English on the SICOT website: www.sicot.org

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