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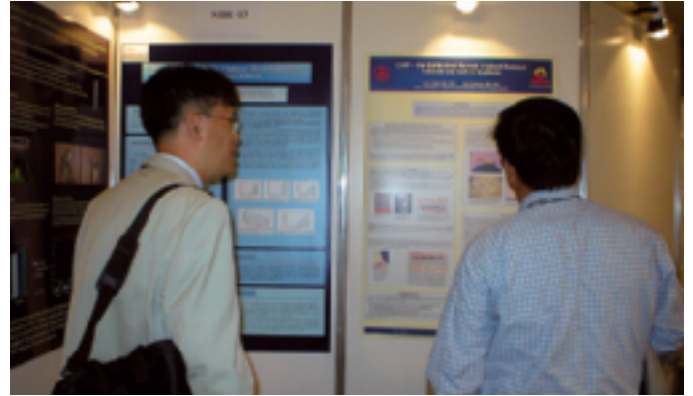
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A view of the SICOT/SIROT 2006 Fourth Annual International Conference

Poster Area



Conferences



The exhibition



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The SICOT/SIROT 2006 Annual International Conference held in Buenos Aires in August was a great experience. Bartolome Allende wished to give an original scope to the scientific programme gathering no less than 163 invited speakers coming from all parts of the world and representing the most advanced knowledge in orthopaedic surgery. With 195 free papers, in total 358 oral presentations and 262 posters, a large window on our discipline in the world was opened to Latin America.

The Trainees' Meeting, chaired by Bartolome Allende Jr and Rocco Pitto, allowed young orthopaedic surgeons to present and discuss with the seniors the present state of their work. 27 oral presentations and 62 posters were presented during this session.

1,160 participants came from 81 different countries. Despite the long distance to travel, Europe had the largest participation and, in decreasing order, Latin America, Asia and Pacific, North America and Africa.

In addition, the Fourth SICOT Diploma Examination session was held under the direction of Tony Hall and Charles Sorbie and very good trainees received their diplomas, among them the best two received the German Fellowship. A total of 32 awards and diplomas were given at the Closing Ceremony. The tango with its special combination of melancholic and sensual melody gave a very special character to the Buenos Aires Meeting.

I should like also to point out some of the new developments of the Society during the last few years. Every member will receive soon – especially for those who are interested in being involved in local human assistance when a disaster occurs in the world – a proposal for collaboration with Doctors Without Borders. The SICOT Telediagnostic system will be open to all members who have basic equipment. New communication services will also be available. I will give you more details of these new developments in future Newsletters.

Prof Maurice Hinsenkamp
Secretary General

Closing Ceremony and Awards granted

Best SICOT Trainees' Paper Award

Martin Buttaró, Argentina

Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award winners

The Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Tina Senholt Videbaek, Denmark

The Second Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Keryn Reilly, USA

The Third Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Reza Shahriar Kamrani, Iran

These three Best SICOT Oral Presentation awardees each received EUR 500.

The Fourth Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Eiichiro Nakamura, Japan

The Fifth Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Pascal-André Vendittoli, Canada

The Sixth Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Miguel Akkari, USA

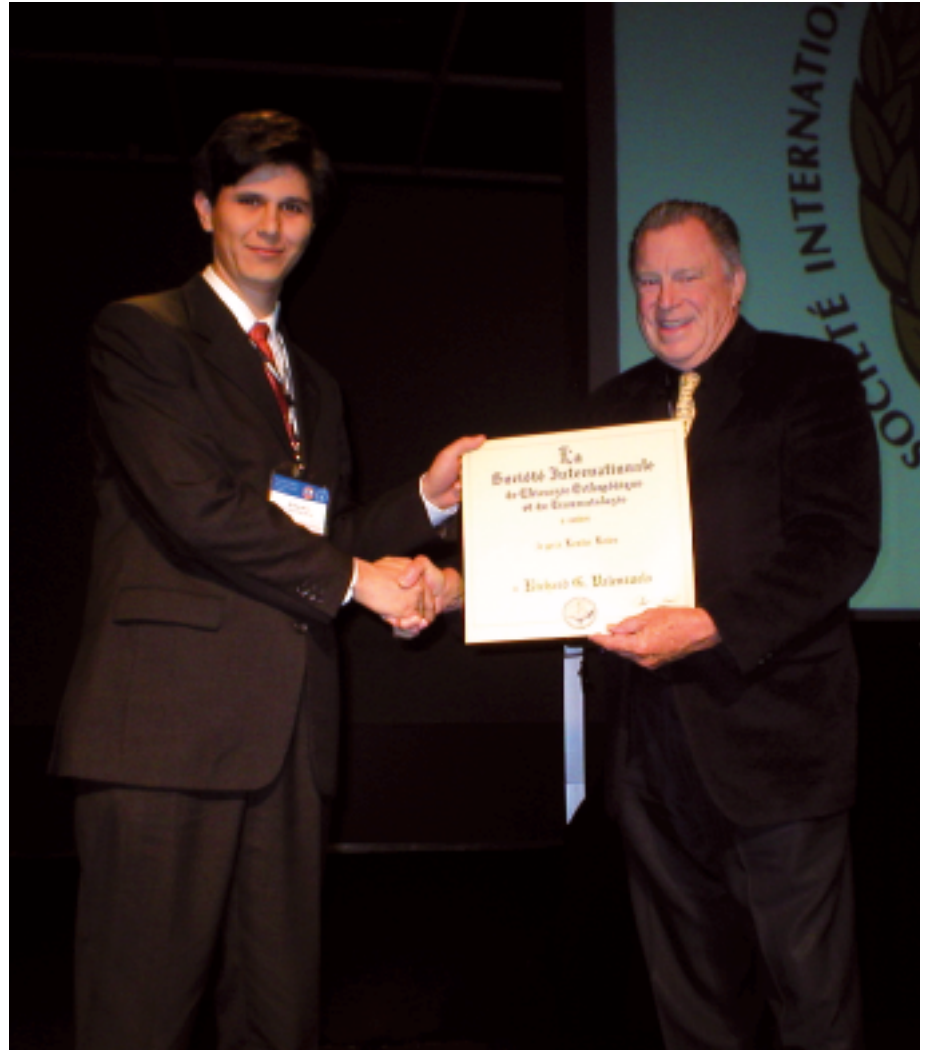
The Seventh Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Patrick Vienne, Canada

The Eight Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Vladimir Shevtsov, Russian Federation

The Ninth Best SICOT Oral Presentation Award: Andrey Snetkov, Russian Federation

Best SICOT Poster Award winners

The Best SICOT Poster Award: Carlos



Chad Smith rewarding Richard G. Valenzuela, winner of the Lester Lowe SICOT Award

los Schwartsmann, Brazil

The Second Best SICOT Poster Award: Pascal-André Vendittoli, Canada

The Third Best SICOT Poster Award: Joseph Fetto, USA

These three Best Poster awardees each received EUR 500 .

The Fourth Best SICOT Poster Award: Zoltan Koos, Hungary

The Fifth Best SICOT Poster Award: Agustin Guala, Argentina

The Sixth Best SICOT Poster Award: Pascal-André Vendittoli, Canada

The Seventh Best SICOT Poster Award: Federico Paganini, Argentina

The Eighth Best SICOT Poster Award: Korvaé Simon, Slovenia

The Ninth Best SICOT Poster Award: Ahmed Ibrahim Elias, Ethiopia

The Tenth Best SICOT Poster Award: Isam Atroshi, Sweden

The Australian SICOT Award winners

Ahmed Ibrahim Elias, Ethiopia
Alfredo Pozzo, Bolivia
Simon Young, New Zealand

These three winners each received a total amount of USD 2,280.

The Lester Lowe SICOT Award winners

César Murillo-Martinez, Mexico. He received USD 865 to cover his air ticket.

Richard F. Valenzuela, Puerto Rico received USD 1,100 for his air ticket.

The highest marks in the SICOT Diploma Examination

Gopala Krishna Pemmaraju, United Kingdom

Ibrahim Barouni, United Kingdom

As the two best candidates, both benefit from the SICOT German Fellowship. They will be invited and supported to visit well known German orthopaedic centres for a period of four weeks.

The other candidates who passed the SICOT Diploma Examination are:

Sairam Alavala, United Kingdom

Nanjundappa Harshavardhana, United Kingdom

Ahmed Ibrahim Elias, Ethiopia
Fred Matthew Toboso Otsyeno, Kenya

Best SIROT Oral Presentation Awards

Cecilia Pascual Garrido, Argentina

Dariush Gouran Savadkoohi, Iran

Best SIROT Poster Awards

Zsombor Lacza, Hungary

Daniel Matej, Slovenia



Chad Smith rewarding Alfredo Pozzo with the Australian SICOT Award

The Fourth SICOT Diploma Examination

We would like to thank for their kind cooperation the following examiners who took part in the Fourth SICOT Diploma Examination, in Buenos Aires, on 24 September 2006:

Dr Abdullah Al-Othman, Saudi Arabia
Prof Cody Bünger, Denmark
Dr Morris Duhaime, Canada
Prof Dr Jochen Eulert, Germany
Prof Dr Patricia Fucs, Brazil
Mr Maher Halawa, United Kingdom
Dr Joachim F. Loehr, Switzerland
Prof Rocco P. Pitto, New Zealand

Prof Galal Zaki Said, Egypt
Prof Charles Sorbie, Canada
Prof Dr Miklos Attila Szendroi, Hungary
Assoc Prof Tomas Trç, Czech Republic
Dr Garnet Donald Tregonning, New Zealand
Dr James Patterson Waddell, Canada
Mr Geoffrey Walker, United Kingdom
Dr Eduardo Zamudio, Chile



Mr Walker and Prof Dr Fucs examining one of the candidates



Prof Said and Dr Zamudio with one of the candidates



Dr Al-Othman and Prof Dr Eulert with one of the candidates.



Prof Sorbie and Dr Tregonning with a candidate



Assoc Prof Trç and Dr Duhaime examining one candidate

International Council Meeting, 23 August 2006



From left to right – 1st row: Dr Paul J. De Windt (Netherlands Antilles), Prof Maurice Hinsenkamp (Belgium), Prof Bartolome T. Allende (Argentina), Dr Abdullah Al-Othman (Saudi Arabia), Prof Charles Sorbie (Canada), Prof John C.Y. Leong (Hong Kong), Dr Chadwick F. Smith (USA), Dr Federico Fernandez-Palazzi (Venezuela), Prof Cody Bünger (Denmark), Dr Thami Benzakour (Morocco), Prof Dr Patricia Fucs (Brazil), Dr Miroslav Lazarov (Macedonia) – **2nd row:** Dr José Sérgio Franco (Brazil), Prof Dr Vilmos Vécsei (Austria), Prof Said (Egypt), Dr Ahmed Salem Ould Soumeida (Mauritania), Dr Ali Jaffer Aradi (Bahrain), Dr Gonzalo Vazquez-Vela (Mexico), Dr Felix Gil-Orbezo (Mexico), Assoc Prof Tomas Trč (Czech Republic), Dr Eduardo Zamudio (Chile), Dr Joel Garay Espinoza (Peru) – **3rd row:** Dr Garnet Donald Tregonning (New Zealand), Prof Rocco P. Pitto (New Zealand), Prof Dr Rainer I.P. Kotz (Austria), Dr Horia Orban (Romania), Dr Miguel A. Triana Quijano (Colombia), Prof Keith D-K Luk (Hong Kong), Prof Hwa-Chang Liu (Taiwan), Dr Nikolay Zagorodny (Russian Federation), Prof Ping-Chung Leung (Hong Kong), Assoc Prof Wichien Laohacharoensombat (Thailand), Dr Wayne Akeson (USA), Dr Peteris Studers (Latvia), name not known – **4th row:** Dr Abel Trigo Cabral (Portugal), Dr Morris Duhaime (Canada), Prof Dr Jochen Eulert (Germany), Assoc Prof Andrzej Bohatyrewicz (Poland), Mr Geoffrey Walker (United Kingdom), Dr Katsuji Shimizu (Japan), Mr Anthony J. Hall (United Kingdom), Prof Laurent Sedel (France), Dr Wahab Yinusa (Nigeria), Prof Dr Miklos Attila Szendroi (Hungary).

Prof Dr Karl Knahr |
Publications and Communications Committee, Chairman



Since last year there has been a clear implication concerning the responsibilities of SICOT publications and communications.

Homepage of the SICOT website

The website is one of the most important communication tools of SICOT. Responsible for the website is Beatrice Chaidron, who is very active and engaged in keeping the homepage of our society always updated.

SICOT World Portal

Responsible for our portal is Nathalie Pondeville with the support of Dr Cyril Toma. Great efforts have recently been made within the portal concerning links, articles, e-lectures, forums, etc. The majority of the changes are the creation of new links in the left main menu. Links have been added: one link to the SICOT website, one to the SICOT management, with three sub-menus : a link to the Board of Directors 2005-2008, a link to the Committees 2005-2008 and a link to the SICOT National Representatives (this link is regularly updated). Other links have been created : a link to WHO, to EFORT, to

AAOS, to ISAKOS, to APOA, to ICOE and to AO International.

Articles about "Country to country" have been uploaded to cover the art of orthopaedics throughout the world. The same has been made with Evidence Based Orthopaedics.

All the e-lectures posted in the previous SICOT World portal (Prof Leong, Said, etc.) have been posted in the new one. Furthermore the Bone and Joint Decade monthly uploads the e-lecture of the month in the framework of the BJD e-lectures series.

Newsletter

Responsible for the Newsletter is Nathalie Pondeville at the SICOT office in Brussels and Rocco Pitto, our Editorial Secretary, in New Zealand. The content of the Newsletter has improved dramatically since Rocco Pitto took over the responsibility. In 2005 the Evidence based orthopaedic section was created and since then many articles have been included.

In 2005 the very interesting Country to country series, created a few issues earlier, included France, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Estonia and El Salvador.

All issues included information concerning young surgeons. Furthermore there were articles on the work of our Committee with reports from the Congress Site Advisory Committee, the Officer Nominating Committee, the Trauma Committee and the Education Committee.

International Orthopaedics

At the Editorial Board Meeting in Paris our new Editor-in-chief, Jean-Pierre Courpied, was able to inform the attendees that the number of submissions had risen steadily since 1999. So far our acceptance rate is 22% and our publication time is short in comparison with other journals. All accepted manuscripts are published in Springer online within four months and the paper version within 7-8 months. Recently manuscript preparation has been outsourced to the Philippines and we wait to see whether the present standard can be maintained. Final checking of the proofs is done by Tony Hall and Jean-Pierre Courpied. The impact factor has steadily risen over the last 5 years. Starting from 0.427 in 2001 it reached 0.676 in 2005.

Dr Simon Young | Australian SICOT Award recipient

The Australian SICOT award was established in 2004 with the dual aims of giving young deserving surgeons the chance to attend the SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conferences, and also to give surgeons the opportunity to spend time working and assisting in a developing country. It is awarded to young surgeons or trainees presenting at each Annual International Conference and Triennial World Congress, and consists of three prizes of AUD 3000 each.

This year I was fortunate enough to receive one of the awards, and was able to travel to work for six months as a junior fellow at the Hospital Obrero in La Paz, Bolivia. This was organised with the kind assistance of Dr Jorge Blacutt, who is also head of the AO chapter in Bolivia.

Hospital Obrero is located in Miraflores in the central zone of La Paz, at 3,600 m the highest capital city in the world. It was a fantastic experience to work there, and to see orthopaedics in such a different environment. A majority of the workload was related to trauma along with some arthroplasties work. It was interesting to see that the principles of orthopaedics in such areas as fracture fixation and asepsis remain the same around the world, whatever the level of resources. There were many challenging



Simon Young, one of the three recipients of the Australian SICOT Award

cases faced daily by the orthopaedic team, who were well organised and created a strong teaching environment within the hospital. Primary hip replacement in particular could be complex, with the high local rate of developmental hip dysplasia presenting late in life, due to a lack of primary care screening in childhood.

Bolivia is also a great country to visit. Its people share a welcoming and friendly culture and a countryside endowed with spectacular landscapes. They range from Amazonian rainforest to the mountains of the Andes and the vastness of the Altiplano. It is richly steeped in history. It is home to both the centre of the Tiwanaku civilisation and the sacred Isla del Sol, according to Inca legend the birthplace of the sun over Lake Titicaca. It was also an exciting time to be in Bolivia politically, with the recent election of Evo Morales in Ja-

nuary, the first indigenous head of state of Bolivia since the Spanish conquest 450 years ago.

Congratulations to both Ibrahim Ahmed Elias from Ethiopia and Alfredo Pozzo from Bolivia, who also received the Australian SICOT Award this year. Both were able to travel to the SICOT/SIROT 2006 Fourth Annual International Conference in Buenos Aires in August, where Ibrahim presented a paper reporting on the pattern of orthopaedic admissions to the Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa. Alfredo presented his work on a minimally invasive technique to achieve osteosynthesis in humeral shaft fractures. Thanks also to the Australian chapter of SICOT for their outstanding support in providing this award, and I would encourage all young surgeons to take advantage of their kind assistance. ■

■ Speech of Prof Bartolome T. Allende, Conference President

Speech given on the occasion of the Opening Ceremony of the SICOT/SIROT Fourth Annual International Conference in Buenos Aires, 23-26 August 2006



Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen,

As President of the SICOT/SIROT 2006 Fourth Annual International Conference and in the name of the Argentinian orthopaedic surgeons, I

want to give you a warm welcome to Buenos Aires and thank you all for being with us today.

[...]

SICOT as an International Scientific Organisation has the unique opportunity and mission to provide and transmit knowledge and experience to allow individual development not only in orthopaedics but also in ethical and moral principles of life, respect and service to humanity. Our main effort should go to provide education to the largest number of orthopaedic surgeons in training all over the world.

Teaching and instruction are not enough, we may instruct a savage or a terrorist and we will have an instructed savage or terrorist, but not a civilised human being. Education has to be built throughout all our life. History, religion, language and customs, arts, human feelings and architecture, habits, music and fashion are all the best teachers. They all make up a person's CULTURE and EDUCATION.

The multiplicity of cultures is the richness of humanity. Education is the most important investment that can be done at all levels, at any time.

The World is changing faster than ever, we must be prepared for and anticipate these changes in all aspects of life. New technology is evolving so rapidly and the communication vehicles to inform the public about these technologies are so effective that they affect our ability to care for patients. This

explosion of new information could be dangerous, it takes time, maturity and experience to control and deliver proven and effective patient care, we must evaluate these technologies with evidence-based medicine, making what we believe is the best decision for the patient and with the patient.

Scientific medical organisations should contribute to the elaboration of ethical, fair and clear relations between industries and medical care organisations, physicians, patients, education and research. A balanced and transparent interaction will benefit all. Technology by itself is not good or bad, it depends on how it is used.

Research is the engine that pushes and drives medicine to success. We need less passive experts and more creative and innovative persons. It is crazy to continue doing the same thing and waiting for different results, as Albert Einstein said.

For most people, life is simple, nice and in a way short. Remember that we come to this world with nothing and we leave it with nothing, then we must live this period intensively, keeping a balance between our professional, family and spiritual lives, striving constantly and with all our strength to do the right thing in all the activities we undertake.

Mahatma Gandhi once said : "Live as if you were to die tomorrow, but learn as if you were to live for ever".

The human being is the only animal species where philanthropy exists, where people produce and work so much and hard in humanitarian assistance, being responsible for all the progress and achievement, but at the same time and with similar intensity, the Human Being is responsible for many of the disasters, confrontation, destruction and killing which take place in the world.



Prof Ping-Chung Leung | SIROT President



SIROT developed from SICOT as a Sister Society.

SICOT is more concerned with the clinical side of orthopaedics and traumatology. SIROT is committed to research. Clinical practice and Research meet somewhere in a grey area. The Boundary is not important. The more important issue lies on their Common Interest on Research.

The SICOT/SIROT Research Commission provides a venue for the

discussion of common research interests in the annual conferences. This commission is going to strengthen its commitment in the coming years. The commission programme will be targeting practical frontier research topics, and well organised deliberations from experts will be provided.

SICOT has started its Education Centre in Pakistan. SIROT is aware of the rising need for young orthopaedic surgeons to become involved in research. Indeed, in some developing regions, trainees are required to complete one or two small scale research projects

before their final qualifying examination. SIROT is starting short training workshops for the trainees in 2006. The first test case will take place in China in November 2006. The next one will be held in Indonesia. The workshops will provide practical training in research methodology, biostatistics, giving presentations, and writing manuscripts etc. for 30 to 50 trainees each time. Further development depends on a proper evaluation after the initial experience.

SIROT is looking for ideas and suggestions. SIROT needs your support. ■

Changes in countries' national representation

We are proud to inform our members of changes that occurred in national representations. In **Brazil**, Dr José Sérgio Franco succeeds Prof Dr Patricia Fucs, who served as National Representative from 1998 to 2006 and is now the SICOT Treasurer. In **Denmark** Prof Cody Bünger, who served as National Delegate from 1990 to 2006, has now been replaced by Dr Ebbe Hansen. In **Indonesia** Dr Respati S. Dradjat has taken on this year the

duty of SICOT National Secretary from Dr Soelarto Reksoprodjo, who served from 1986 and sadly died on 12 December 2004. In **Romania**, Dr Horia-Bogdan Orban is the new National Delegate, following Dr Ion Dinulescu who served from 1992 to 2006. In **Turkey** Prof Erdal Cila succeeds Prof Ridvan Ege, who served from 1997 to 2006.

Culture teaches that RESPECT of human thoughts, feelings, beliefs and understanding of the world is important and that the lack of RESPECT and TOLERANCE generates conflicts.

People understanding and acceptance of human values such as RESPECT, FREEDOM, FAMILY, EDUCATION, HEALTH and NATION contribute to

prosperity, well-being and world peace.

Aristotle once said that: "...happiness is the participation in something that provides satisfaction in a fulfilled task..." and that "...satisfaction is being able to help others".

[...]

SICOT/SIROT 2007 Fifth AIC



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our honour and privilege to invite you to the SICOT/SIROT 2007 Fifth Annual International Conference which will be held in the fabulous city of Marrakech. Owing to its link point location and its secure and stable status, Morocco combines all the ingredients that make up a complete incentive destination.

Marrakech offers many advantages and all the facilities required for such a meeting:

- The “Palais des Congrès” has two plenary-session halls, several conference rooms and a large exhibition area.
- Many hotels of various categories surround the congress venue within walking distance and at competitive prices.
- Marrakech also offers superb sightseeing both in the “red city” and out of town in the Atlas mountains and the Sahara desert, featuring impressive landscapes.

Our summer-end is very convenient for an outstanding scientific programme as well as for relaxing and witnessing unforgettable events. The Local Organising Committee aims to share with you its experience and socio-cultural heritage and to consolidate the usual SICOT friendship and cooperation. I shall be so pleased to welcome you to Marrakech for attending a unique lifetime memorable experience in the magic land of “one thousand and one nights”.

Yours sincerely,

**Thami Benzakour (MD),
Conference President**



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30 August 2007

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President's Dinner

1 September 2007

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SMACOT Symposium
Closing Ceremony

VENUE

Congress Centre, Marrakech

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

SICOT:

- Adult hip disorders
- Adult knee disorders
- Adult knee replacement
- Bone loss + Non union
- Bone tumours
- Elbow / Shoulder / Hand
- Foot and ankle
- General orthopaedics
- General trauma
- Hip joint replacement
- Hip trauma
- Infections
- Minimal invasive surgery
- Navigation
- Neurology in orthopaedics
- Osteoporosis
- Paediatrics
- Road traffic injuries
- Spinal deformity
- Spine degenerative
- Spine trauma
- Sports medicine

SIROT:

- Back surgery
- Bone healing
- Fracture union
- Hip replacement

SICOT/SMACOT Trainees' Meeting:

- General orthopaedics
- General trauma
- Knee

SMACOT Symposium:

- Ankle trauma

**Deadline for abstract submission:
15 February 2007**