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Dear Colleague:

Please accept our invitation to the 25th Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) to be held in San Diego, CA from October 7 – 10, 2009. The meeting will provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date program related to treatment of musculoskeletal injury available anywhere. A diverse spectrum of topics and the opportunity to attend a wide range of sessions including scientific presentations of original research, didactic lectures, small group discussions, and hands-on labs, provide learning opportunities that will meet needs of all musculoskeletal health care professionals.

This year's meeting will highlight main symposia on topics with broad appeal; current concepts on bone grafts and bone graft substitutes, the science and practice of evaluating fracture healing, and distinguishing injuries that meet criteria for emergent surgery from those that do not. Break-out sessions will allow customization of the meeting experience to meet individual needs and mini-symposia, case presentations, and skills labs will include other general interest as well as more focused topics.

The Scientific Program will include the most relevant and scientifically sound research. Sixty-four podium presentations and 115 posters were selected by the Program Committee from nearly 600 abstract submissions. The Basic Science Focus Forum (BSFF), chaired by Theodore Miclau, III, MD, is one of five pre-meeting events. The BSFF is a 1 ½ day event beginning Wednesday October 7th that will provide an additional in-depth program designed to augment and expand upon the science presented and discussed at the main meeting.

Three single day pre-meeting events will also take place on Wednesday October 7th. The ever popular Masters Coding Course will once again be organized by Karen Zupko Associates and the Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness course will be under the direction of Christopher T. Born, MD. A new addition for the 25th Anniversary meeting is the International Forum where advances and unique aspects of orthopaedic care in emerging regions will be presented and discussed. The half-day Young Practitioners Forum led by Lisa K. Cannada, MD on Thursday morning rounds out the pre-meeting events. We encourage all to arrive early to the Annual Meeting and take full advantage of these OTA offerings.

Also new this year, the OTA is happy to collaborate with the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association (ORA) who will be holding their annual meeting concurrently. Symposia on Heterotopic Ossification and Amputation Management will be jointly sponsored by the OTA and ORA.

The common feature of each of the wide range of program events is the commitment to providing the highest quality, most interesting and clinically relevant material by world class faculty and experts. We truly believe that anyone involved in the field of musculoskeletal trauma may benefit from what we hope will be a particularly special 25th Anniversary Edition of the OTA Annual Meeting. Please consider joining us in beautiful San Diego, CA.

Sincerely,  


William M. Ricci, MD, Program Chair



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