



Dear Colleague:

Please accept our invitation to the **26th Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA)** to be held in Baltimore, Maryland from October 13 – 16, 2010.

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 and with relevance to recent international events: **Controversies in Everyday Orthopaedic Care, Disaster Preparedness: What We Learned from Haiti, and Ortho On-call: Will You be There? Will Your Hospital be There?** Break-out sessions in the form of mini-symposia, case presentations, and skills labs that include other general interest as well as more focused topics will allow customization of the meeting experience.

The Scientific Program will include the most relevant and scientifically sound research. **Over sixty podium presentations and nearly 130 posters were selected by the Program Committee from over 700 abstract submissions.** The Basic Science Focus Forum (BSFF), chaired by Ted Miclau, MD, is one of four pre-meeting events. **The BSFF is a 1 ½ day event beginning Wednesday October 13th that will provide an additional in-depth program designed to augment and expand upon the science presented and discussed at the main meeting.**

Additionally, two single day pre-meeting events will also take place on Wednesday October 13th. The ever popular **Masters Coding Course** will once again be organized by Karen Zupko Associates. Last year's new and highly successful **International**

Forum will continue under the direction of **Bill DeLong, MD** to discuss advances and unique aspects of orthopaedic care in emerging regions.

The half-day **Young Practitioners Forum** led by **Lisa 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.

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 related to musculoskeletal trauma by world class faculty and experts.** We truly believe that anyone involved in the field will benefit from this year's OTA Annual Meeting. Please consider joining us in Baltimore!

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