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# CHIEF DELEGATE'S REPORT



2019 was a momentous year for APOA as the Association moves into the next decade! I have summarised the important developments occurred to date:

1. Since the last AGM (2018), APOA (Aus) Executive Committee teleconference Meetings were held on: 6th. April 2019; 15th. May 2019 and 4th. September 2019.

2. The APOA EXCO and Council meeting in April 2019 have approved the 2019 APOA Constitution where significant reform of the Executive structure of the Association was made. This includes the setting up of First and Second Vice Presidents to become elected positions. After 2022, the biannual APOA Congress will become Annual. During the transition period of 2020-2022, the Vice Presidents' positions will be held more than one year. The Congress Committee was formally established and headed by David Choon as interim Chair.

3. The Constitution of the APOA (Australia) will also need to be modified in due course to reflect the structural changes occurred centrally. The APOA (Aus) EXCO has confirmed the Australian delegates / councillors for APOA will be 2+2 years' terms. New councillors will need to be elected just before the 2020 APOA Congress in KL.

4. Mexico joined APOAs the latest APOA Federation member at the Council meeting in April 2019, thus expanded the footprint of APOA: Mexico in the eastern part of the Pacific Ocean; Japan in the north; Turkey in the west, and NZ in the south. There are now 24 Federation Members of APOA. This reflects strong interest from outside of the established APOA geographic coverage. APOA now represents a collective of over 60,000 orthopaedic surgeons globally, and therefore will have more international interactions and collaborations.

5. Signed MOU's between APOA, EFORT, SICOT, Pan Arab Orthopaedic Association and Latin American Orthopaedics & Traumatology has lead to the formation of Alliance of International Organisations of Orthopaedic Traumatology (AIOT), thus significantly broadened options for international exchange and patronage. The first meeting of AIOT will be held in Antalya on 14-17th April 2020. I'll urge all members of APOA to take advantage of this opportunity to visit Antalya again in 2020. I am sure many APOA members will still have fond memory of the 2018 APOA Congress in Antalya!

6. The 2019 APOA Sectional meetings of Spine, Trauma, Research, Foot and Ankle surgery were very successful. During the 7th Asia Pacific Trauma Congress in conjunction with the 1st Foot & Ankle Section Meeting in Thailand 20-22 Sept 2019, there was live transmission of the entire Trauma meeting proceedings, first for APOA. This format of expanding the education footprint/ access to members of APOA will be an important tool to ensure APOA is more inclusive and to focus on EDUCATION, irrespective of the economic or time affordability of our members to attend any APOA Sectional meetings.

7. The Web Page: apoaonline.com is now very responsive and that there is also an interactive App also available. Federation members where national privacy law prevents the submission of national membership list to APOA remains an issue. Minor technical hitches remains when these members trying to log onto APOA website.

8. The official APOA journal – Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery (JOS) has introduced the Article Processing changes from 2019 in an attempt to become financial independence.

There was the expected initial moderate fall in submissions, but it has since recovered and indeed exceeded the expectation of the Editorial Board. Please be reminded that financial APOA members do received a reduction in the article processing charges, thus a further incentive to submit your research to this prestigious journal – your journal of APOA!

9. Prof T Mah, with the approval of APOA President Prof Mahmut Doral, called a special APOA meeting during the Aus Ortho Assoc ASM in Canberra in October 2019 to explore the concept of identifying Trauma Centres within the APOA member countries to be designated as the centres of excellence for Orthopaedic Trauma education and training. The meeting was well attended by APOA representatives from 18 member countries and Industry, with a consensus view that such educational program is essential for younger members of APOA. The APOA President and the attendee have asked T Mah to formalise such proposal and to present to the APOA Council at the 2020 APOA Congress.

10. The Aus Ortho Assoc ASM continues to support and encourage Presidents from Orthopaedic Associations within the Asia Pacific region to come to attend the AOA ASM. 2019 is no exception with an excellent response for attendance and participation at various sessions of the ASM. The traditional APOA/AOA Executive dinner was well attended and everyone enjoyed the APOA camaraderie and a wonderful dinner.

11. Several APOA members have received significant awards in 2019: Professor Onder Aydingoz, Past VP of APOA was awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Australian Orthopaedic Association; and Assoc Prof Graham Mercer, Past President of AOA and Past VP of APOA, was awarded L O Betts Medal –the highest honour of the Aus Ortho Association at the Canberra ASM. Mr Andreas Loeffler, Past President of AOA and Councillor Australia, was awarded EFORT Honorary Fellowship in Lisbon. Ted Mah was honoured with Australian Medical Association (SA) highest award for “Outstanding Contribution to Medicine”. T Mah also received the SA Health Award for “Enhancing Patient Care” in partnership with Orthogeriatric, Anaesthesia and Allied Health.

12. APOA will be guest nation at the 2020 EFORT Congress in Vienna 10-12th June 2020. This is a highly unusual gesture by EFORT since APOA is not a National Orthopaedic Organisation. EFORT appreciates the diversity and signs of harmonisation within APOA, hence the invitation, which concurs with the 2020 EFORT Congress theme of “Diversity and Harmonisation”. APOA is very appreciative of such privilege and thank EFORT for the kind invitation. All APOA members are encouraged to attend this meeting in wonderful Vienna, Austria.

13. 40th SICOT Congress in Muscat, Oman was well attended and APOA showed a strong presence by conducting an APOA session and Prof T Mah as a Keynote speaker. There will be a short report on this congress in this newsletter.

**Professor Edward (Ted) Mah**  
**Chief Delegate Australia**  
**Past President, APOA**  
**Chairman, Awards & Nomination Com**



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# PUNE KNEE COURSE 2020



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## APOA-PKC FELLOWSHIP 2020

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Practising orthopaedic surgeon less than 40 years of age as on May 15, 2020
- APOA Member (Individual / Chapter / Federation)
- Minimum 2 years experience in Arthroscopy / Sports Medicine
- Recommendation letter from National Association President / Secretary or APOA National Delegates

### LOGISTICS

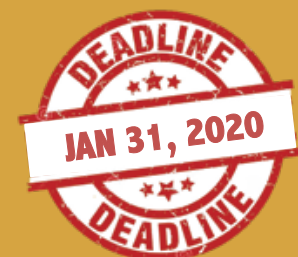
- Ten Fellows will be selected
- The selected fellow will have to self-finance the return Air Travel between the applicant's country and Pune, India

### COMPLIMENTARY PROVISIONS

- Registration for the entire course
  - Basic Course (April 23, 2020)
  - Advanced Course (April 24 & 25, 2020)
- Accommodation on twin sharing basis for 3 nights & 4 days (Check in April 22, 2020 and Check out April 25, 2020)
- All meals including the Gala Dinner on April 24, 2020

### IMPORTANT

- Complete the attached application form and send it to [admin@apoaonline.com](mailto:admin@apoaonline.com)
- Last date of application is January 31, 2020



## ETHICS AND THE INDUSTRY

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is an inter-governmental forum of 21 nations in the Pacific rim. APEC was founded by Bob Hawke, past Australian Prime Minister, in 1989 and its focus is on business and trade. There is a great overlap between the countries represented in APEC and those in the APOA. APOA Secretariat is based in Kuala Lumpur and yet very few surgeons have heard of the KL Principles and its related codes of ethics.

Aus Ortho Assoc (AOA) has been an active member in the Medical Technology Sector of APEC. AOA was one of the few medical associations, which took up the invitation to participate. We held workshops and presented hypotheticals to teach ethical behaviour on the international stage. AOA has since taken a leading role in the Australian Ethical Health Alliance, culminating in the Australian Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration in the Healthcare Sector. But what does all this mean?

Healthcare providers and the industry need to cooperate closely, be it in medical device, pharmacological, or diagnostic companies. Progress in medicine relies to a great extent on this interaction. As professionals we are expected to act in the patients' interests. Rather than maximise profits for companies, shareholders or doctors, we should ensure that patients have access to safe, effective and affordable medical technologies. In order to do so healthcare professionals and the industry need to ensure that cooperation is conducted in accordance with ethical principles, which include integrity, independence and transparency. We need to define what is right and what is not, or in other words make the implicit explicit.

Patient care relies on trust. Trust is easily lost, when patients find out that doctors act in their own financial interest. The KL Principles are an attempt to codify behaviour and to make doctors aware of their ethical obligations when dealing with the medical industry. To accept inducements of any kind is not only ethically wrong, but has also become illegal. Under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act a US company or their subsidiaries can be prosecuted for illegal activities in other countries and heavy fines have been imposed. It is only a matter of time before the recipients of inducements will be held to account.

Ethical standards are not universal. It is interesting to note how the interpretation of ethical practice varies within APOA member countries. Whilst all colleagues profess to act with honesty, some ask for and accept airline tickets and other favours without second thoughts. In our competitive world companies may be tempted to increase sales through inducements, which is perhaps an euphemistic word for a bribe. The KL Principles are an attempt to create a better understanding of what should and should not be done. There have been additions to the code form the APEC Forum in Nanjing and in Tokyo and later this year in KL, where 2020 APEC meeting will be held.

Members of APOA should be aware of both the Australian and the wider APEC initiative to improve the interaction with the medical industry and to maintain the trust of our patients with integrity and transparency. Ethical standards can always be improved.

*Andreas Loeffler*  
*Australian Councillor*

## BRIEF REPORT ON FOOT & ANKLE SECTION APOA

The main item to report from the foot and ankle section is the recent meeting combined with the APOA trauma section. This was held in Bangkok and attracted over 210 attendees. It was particularly pleasing to our section to have so many people in the lecture hall. During the first day of the conference we needed to add extra seats to accommodate about 130 people attending the lectures. The topic of our part of the conference was trauma and the attendees appreciated the expertise of the foot and ankle section. Instructional lectures and scientific papers were presented over the next 2 1/2 days. We particularly appreciate the support of the local Thailand Orthopaedic surgeons and foot and ankle specialists. We are also delighted that we were able to bring on-board 40 new members to our foot and ankle section. In February 2020 we will be holding our first online course. This will be run in Kuala Lumpur and beamed to all of the APOA members. This will be a two hour session which will be interactive. The title will be how not to miss foot and ankle injuries. There will be four speakers and a moderator. The view will be able to interact with the speakers in real-time as well as answer questions and

clinical problems that are raised. Based on the results of the talks and online certificate based course will be published as well. This will allow new surgeons and trainees to take the course prior to working on a foot and ankle service. The plan is to run two courses next year and three or four courses year following this.

The plans of the foot and ankle section for the 2020 Congress are well underway. We will have two days of instructional lectures. This will be combined with scientific and free papers. We also plan to hold a pre-Congress workshop but this is not fully decided yet.

I am happy to say that the foot and ankle section has grown very well since its beginnings in 2016. There is a lot of interest in this specialty now throughout the region and we expect a lot more growth and interest in the future.

*Mark Blackney*  
*F&A Section Chair, APOA*



# Report for IOA AOA Exchange Fellowship 2019

Date of fellowship – 6th to 10th October 2019, AOA ASM 2019, Canberra.

**Dr Vipul Vijay**  
MS, DNB, Dip SICOT  
Consultant, Joint Replacement & Arthroscopy  
Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, India

The Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) has been very vocal about the need for providing opportunities to young orthopaedic surgeons. We were a part of a similar initiative by the IOA, the IOA-AOA exchange program 2019. We, Dr Vipul Vijay and Dr Saurabh Jain, were informed about our selection for the prestigious IOA-AOA ambassadorship 2019. We were delighted at the prospect of representing our IOA at the Annual Scientific Meeting of Australian Orthopaedic Association at Canberra from the 6th to 10th October 2019. There was also a sense of responsibility to maintain the high decorum, as set our national association.



**Dr Saurabh Jain (left) and Dr Vipul Vijay at the AOA ASM 2019, Canberra National Convention Centre**

We would like to pass our sincere regards and appreciation to Dr Jamal Ashraf for his help in organising everything for our fellowship, including the communications with officials, arrangement of invitation letter, making arrangements for travel etc. Apart from the logistic support and coordination for our travel, he was always available if we had any queries regarding our stay, visa etc. He was gracious enough to introduce us to senior Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) members who were attending the meeting. He even tried his best by requesting the Australian association scientific committee in charge, to let us present our work in the conference.

The planning for the ambassadorship started in July 2019. Dr Jamal and Mr Ramesh Pandey, helped in booking our tickets. We were connected to Ms Beverly Hughes from AOA, who was very prompt and responsive regarding any needs we had pertaining to the travel, accommodation, conference registration and dinners.

We reached Canberra on 6th October 2019 and our accommodation was already arranged at the Crown Plaza, Hotel, which was hardly few steps away from the conference venue i.e National Convention Center. We started our fellowship in Canberra with the start of Annual Scientific Meeting of Australian Orthopaedic Association i.e. from the 6th October 2019. On first day of conference, Australian association registered us for the conference and provided us with conference kit and program. In the evening, we were invited for the Presidential dinner which was an excellent networking opportunity.

The Annual scientific meeting of the AOA, which was well-attended started from the 7th October. We attended the opening ceremony and heard plenary lectures on Ethics by Famous Australian author

**Dr Saurabh Jain**  
MS, DNB, Dip SICOT  
Assistant Professor (Orthopaedics)  
MGM Medical College, Indore, India



**With Dr S Rajasekharan and Dr Ketan Pande at the meeting**

Peter Fitzsimons and Airforce Marshal Tracy Smart. We had the opportunity to attend many lectures and discussions on various topics like superior capsular reconstruction, newer advances in arthroplasty and arthroscopy. We had the opportunity to meet Dr S Rajasekharan, who was representing India and delivering two lectures at the meet on road safety in India and on low cost high quality surgical care.



**With Dr Onder Aydingoz, immediate past president of EFORT at the gala dinner**

We attended the APOA session on 8th oct 2019. We are indebted to Prof Ted Mah, past president of APOA who was gracious enough to take care of us personally. He took the effort to introduce us to the presidents of the member nations of APOA. We met Dr Ketan Pande, President Brunei Orthopaedic association, Dr Onder Aydingoz, immediate past president of EFORT, Dr Syed Alsagoff, APOA Vice President and many more representatives of the APOA. We also met the many office bearers of the Australian Orthopaedic Association including Dr David Martin, President AOA. We had a wonderful academic feast at the conference and also had good time at the social events like the gala dinner and President's dinner.

We attended the Outreach session and it was eye opener regarding the philanthropic and social aspect of Australian orthopaedic association, the good work which they are doing in Fiji and other countries.

On other days as well we attended different lectures on arthroplasty, shoulder and elbow instabilities, trauma, navigation, robotics by



With Dr Syed Alsagoff, APOA Vice President



With Prof Ted Mah and Dr Kush Shrestha at the gala dinner



With Dr Ketan Pande, President, Brunei Orthopaedic Association

various eminent Speakers like Kurt Spinler, Ashish Gupta, Nicholas, Marinis Pirpiris, Francis John, etc.

Apart from the conference, we also had the opportunity to explore Canberra. Canberra is the capital of Australia and is a beautifully planned city. It is home to many monuments of national importance like the Australian parliament, National War Memorial, National Museum etc. which make it an ideal place to visit. We had the opportunity to visit many of these monuments and really enjoyed our time spent in Canberra.

We would like to thank the IOA, AOA and APOA for this wonderful opportunity to represent India at the Australian Orthopaedic Association. However, we believe that there are some suggestions, which if incorporated, will add more meaning to the ambassadorship. The fellows attending the meeting should be allowed to present their work during the meeting which will help in mutual exchange of knowledge and also give an exposure to the young orthopaedician at the international stage. Also, it would be a nice addition if the international travelling fellows/ambassadors are introduced at the launch ceremony of the conference. This can help the fellows to have a general introduction to the whole audience and then make it easier to make personal connect and exchange later.

Once again, we would again like to thank the Indian Orthopaedic Association, the Australian Orthopaedic Association and the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association for this opportunity and wish that more young orthopaedicians can avail this chance in the future.

**Dr. Saurabh Jain**  
**Dr. Vipul Vijay**  
 Dated – 03rd November 2019



Exploring the city of Canberra, at the shore of Lake Burley Griffin

## Brief Report on PNG and PIOA

I can report that in July/August 2019 in the Papua New Guinea Highlands, at Kundiawa Hospital, Dr. Des Soares directed an excellent lower limb training module for the Pacific Islands Orthopaedic Association for young Orthopaedic Surgery Trainees from Samoa, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Micronesia, Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea. In addition to Dr. Des Soares from Queensland, we had two other Australian Orthopaedic surgeons, a Swiss, and four New Zealanders. It was a great course, topped off by a successful exit exam for four Trainees. I was impressed at the friendship and esprit de corps evident across this wide-ranging group of young surgical trainees.

The PIOA is part of APOA, a young and small membership, but a growing body of surgically equipped and skilled Doctors with a widely spread clinical patient population to care for.

I was delighted to be part of this teaching team, and highlight it for other of our AOA fellows to keep in mind. I am certain Dr. Des Soares would love to hear of willing teachers for future Training Modules in the South Pacific.

Daryl C Teague  
 Past Committee member of APOA (Aus)





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# Brief report on the 40th SICOT Congress in Muscat, Oman

By Prof Ted Mah Past President, APOA

Oman hosts the SICOT Congress in Muscat December 4-7 2019 in collaboration with Pan Arab Orthopaedic Association. Registrants from 136 countries attended the 40th SICOT Congress. There were many partner societies contributed to the scientific program. APOA contributed to the meeting by conducting a special symposium on “Injuries around the hip” The Congress venue was the newly completed spectacular Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre. The ultra modern complex was completed just in time to host the SICOT Congress.

The Congress venue span over 11 halls with the Industries displayed at the ground floor. The success of the Congress depends on the support received from speakers and delegates, numbered just over 2100 registrants. The support received Congress President, Prof Mohamed Darwish and his local Omani team were tremendous.

The scientific content of the meeting was of high calibre. There were 3 Plenary Lectures by world renowned speakers set a world class standard. In order of presentation Lewis Zirkle, Mahmoud Hafez and Randall Loder. They were supported by 18 Keynote Speakers, 40 Instructional Symposia, 40 Free Paper Sessions, 13

Short free papers sessions, and Posters presentations. Prof Ted Mah presented a Keynote lecture whilst Prof Onder Ardingoz chaired the APOA session, which was very well attended. There were cadaver labs in shoulder, hip and knee; hands-on Ponseti Clubfoot workshop and Polytrauma management course.

It was an opportunity to meet friends and colleagues in a relaxing environment to discuss and explore novel and question established concepts, as well as to establish exchanges, invitations and fellowships within the APOA & SICOT communities and camaraderie.

There was a great partner’s program to explore Muscat, especially the Grand Mosque and the most impressive Oman Opera House. A few APOA members joined a post congress group tour to visit a few historical sites including the town of Niswa, and Al-Hamra; the spectacular Mountain oasis of Misfat Al-Abriyeen; refreshing Emerald pools of Wadi Bani Khalid, and the golden sand dunes of Wahiba Sands. Prof Darwish and his wife Elizabeth were the most gracious and generous local hosts to ensure everyone is well looked after. All in all it was a fabulous and unforgettable experience for many of us visiting Oman for the first time.



APOA members at SICOT Congress



APOA team at SICOT Congress



Graham Mercer receiving LO Betts' medal



Onder Aydingoz receiving Honorary AOA Fellowship



# AIOT

Alliance of International Organizations of Orthopaedics & Traumatology



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# AIOT



## Alliance of International Organizations of Orthopaedics & Traumatology

Dear Colleagues,

AIOT, Alliance of International Organizations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, was established in 2018 to provide a platform of communication and collaboration between the five leading international organizations in the field of orthopaedics and traumatology. APOA, EFORT, PAOA, SICOT and SLAOT are the members of this alliance.

The first scientific event of the alliance will be AIOT Orthopaedic Trauma Course which will be held in Antalya, Turkey from 14 to 17 April 2020.

We look forward to seeing you in Antalya for this promising course.

### AIOT Orthopaedic Trauma Course Organizing Committee

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Onder Aydingoz  
*Past President, EFORT*

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APOA (Australia)



# The Orthopaedic Avalanche or Make the First Break the Last!

Orthopaedic surgeons are good at fixing fractures. With clever implants we get elderly patients up and back into their homes. Most osteoporotic fractures heal, but what happens to the osteoporosis? The majority of patients, who sustain an osteoporotic fracture, are not investigated and do not get treatment to prevent further fractures. Are we orthopaedic surgeons guilty of neglect?

Australia has a relatively poor rate of identifying and treating osteoporosis, which is a silent disease until something breaks. Perhaps 70 to 80 per cent of patients, who have a fracture and would qualify for treatment of their osteoporosis, are not investigated or diagnosed. They fail to get appropriate care and follow-up. As a result the number of preventable fractures affecting patients, their families, the healthcare system are steadily growing. Some talk of an orthopaedic avalanche.

Whilst we cannot prevent all fractures, there are convincing figures that the treatment of osteoporosis is worthwhile. Aus Ortho Assoc has been an active member of the SOS Fracture

Alliance, which now comprises 37 national associations, colleges, professional and community groups. On October 17th 2019 the Australian Federal Health Minister announced the National Strategic Action Plan for Osteoporosis, which has bipartisan support. We may be sceptical of such grand schemes, but as orthopaedic surgeons we can make a difference by simply ensuring that patients with suspected osteoporosis are referred for investigation and follow-up.

APOA represents many different economies, but all have an ever ageing population. Taking an interest in osteoporosis and in the long term care of affected patients will not only prevent some future fractures, but also save money. Orthopaedic surgeons understand osteoporosis. We have the responsibility to act and an opportunity to shine. After all, it only takes a referral and we may well make the first fracture the last.

*Andreas Loeffler*  
*Australian Councillor*

## OMAN DESERT



Camel ride



Desert Oasis



Desert campfire



Group Photo at Oman desert



Desert Camp

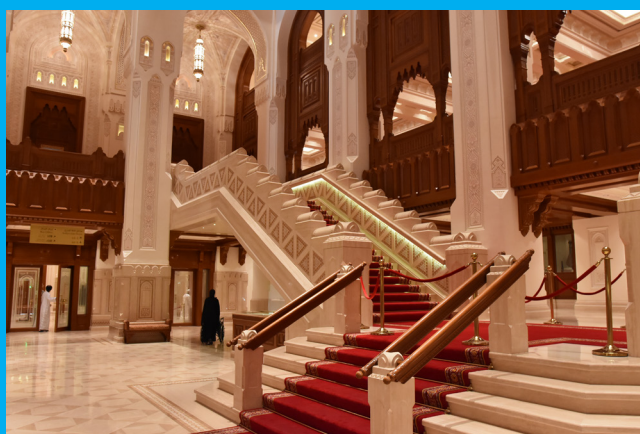
# PHOTO GALLERY



APOA members at Jabreen Castle



Oman Opera House - inside



Oman Opera House Entrance foyer



OMan Opera House



T Mah receiving AMA award from AMA (SA) President - Prof W Tam



T Mah with 2019 SA Health Award

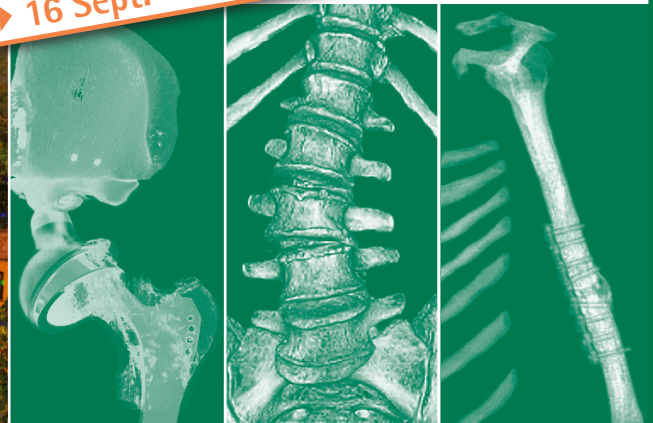


# 21<sup>st</sup> EFORT Congress 2020

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Abstract submission  
▶ 16 Sept. – 15 Nov. 2019



## 21<sup>st</sup> EFORT Congress

Vienna, Austria: 10–12 June 2020

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### Congress Highlights | Main Theme: Harmonisation and Diversity

- Safety: Implants & Treatments
- Prophylaxis & Treatment Of Infections
- Non-surgical Treatment
- Artificial Intelligence
- Augmented Reality In Training
- Robotic & Computer-Assisted Surgery
- Individualised Medical Management
- Novel Diagnostics & Genomics
- European Diversity
- Outcome Research In The Diversity
- Registries & Harmonisation
- Risk Management
- Translating Research Into Practice

#### Key dates

Abstract status notification: **31 January 2020**

Early registration deadline: **28 February 2020**

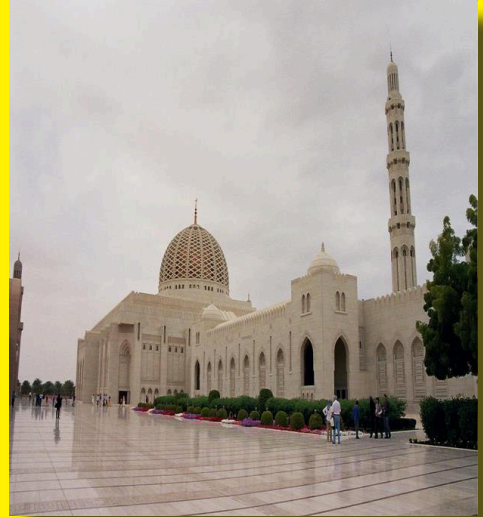
Advanced Programme online: **15 March 2020**



# PHOTO GALLERY



Presidents attending Aus OA meeting



Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque



Rainbow over an Old Town



Misfat Al-Abriyeen



Desert Oasis



Socialising with the locals



Wadi Bani Khalid oasis pool



Wahiba Sand dunes





**29 FEBRUARY 2020**

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The APOA 2020 Organising Committee greatly appreciates all the abstract submissions thus far. Due to many requests, the abstract submission deadline is extended to 29 February 2020!

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