

WOC (SICOT Muscat) SYMPOSIUM REPORT

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The World Orthopaedic Concern symposium was held on 7th December from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The theme was “Sharing Experience in Promoting Orthopaedic Services in LMICs”. The session was chaired by Deven Taneja (President WOC-Int.) from India and Alaa Ahamad from Palestine.

John Dorman, President of SICOT explained the relationship between WOC and SICOT. He assured that SICOT will help WOC, and many projects can be taken jointly in LMICs. Deven Taneja emphasized that fund raising is most important for the implementation of the projects in developing world. He mentioned about the Alliances of WOC with IOA, OASAC, AO and Bridge the Gap.

Dr. Alaa Ahmad gave a brief outline of the commendable work done by WOC in African and Gulf Countries. Two issues were presented by the Oman Faculty. Dr. Wahid presented an excellent work on RTA which has been done in the Oman and has made very positive impact at United Nation. During the discussion, delegates expressed the problems in developing World especially of the indiscipline, lack of the fear of the authority and poor enforcement of Law. It evoked so much of discussion that it has been decided to hold the 1st WOC World Congress at Kolkata with Road Traffic Accident as the Central Theme.

Ashok Johari from India and President elect of the SICOT suggested that our training and education has to be developed as per the need of that area, we should be more practical oriented. Presentation of Karsten from Germany was indeed praiseworthy as he gave a clear vision regarding creating a global Alliance for the Musculo-Skeleton Health.

Rajesh Gupta from India was of opinion that our treatment for the patient in the rural areas has to be cost effective, using appropriate technology and conservative treatment of fracture is still very relevant. Vijay Khariwal from India talked about the fragility fractures, and he emphasized that they must be treated for Osteoporosis as well.

Wilson Li gave an excellent account of the work being done in Laos. Dr. Emal from Afghanistan gave suggestions how the Joint Replacement can be made cost effective in LMICs.

Monica from Brazil talked about the training of the Doctors and Nurses on Ponseti Technique which has made a significant improvement in the treatment of Club Foot in Brazil. Ramkewal Shah from Nepal gave a vivid overview of the work being done by the AO Alliance and he was very hopeful that since the WOC & AO Alliance share the same philosophy therefore, jointly both can achieve their goal.

The whole session generated a very lively discussion, and everyone was of opinion that there is a duplication of work and forming an Alliance amongst each other will greatly benefit the society.





