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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Henrik Palm, FFN President

Dear Members,

The FFN is on the move, with many initiatives taken right now! As you can see elsewhere in this newsletter the FFN publication strategy has already resulted in a new book on Orthogeriatrics. Also the FFN is delighted to announce that we are working on special fragility fracture issues of two well-esteemed peer-reviewed scientific journals.

New hip fracture registries are initiated in Japan and Spain with help from FFN enthusiasts. Probably many more national guidelines and registries are initiated these years – so again it's time to update the FFN resources on guidelines and registries, as you can see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Preparations for the next FFN Global Congress is very far, with already the preliminary program online – and quite soon the full program with all individual presentations will follow.

Again this year many congress sessions will be arranged hand in hand with other societies focusing on the different areas of fragility fractures – which underlines the bridge building role of the FFN.

The FFN Special Interest Groups (Hip Fracture Audit Database, Vertical, Physiotherapy, Hip Fracture Research) each have a session, as will the FFN regionalisation with help to how you can form your own local FFN. For more continued congress information, please follow us on Twitter #FFNCongress2017.

Looking forward seeing you all at the 6th Global Congress in Malmö.

Malmö Congress Program Online!

The congress programme overview for 24–26 August is now available on the FFN website

By Kristina Åkesson, Congress Chair & Henrik Palm, FFN President

The preparations for Malmö is on-going and the programme overview including all session titles is now available on the FFN website.

Again the programme will be multi-disciplinary covering all aspects of fragility fractures.

track, future initiatives and blood! In-between there will be three parallel tracks with a total of sixteen 60 min breakout sessions.

Also there will be an educational Pre-Day on Wednesday 23rd from 10:00. The programme for this will be announced very soon.

The abstract submission portal is now open – with an extended deadline until:

26 APRIL 2017

In total there will be six 90 min plenaries focusing on overview, FLS, research methodology, fast



Membership Fees

By Dieu Donne Niesten, FFN Treasurer

We are happy to notice that many members have already paid their membership fee.

For those who have not paid yet we hope you will do it within short time and stay active as a member of the FFN. The FFN economy is limited, so we thank you very much for your support.



FFN Resources: Guidelines & Registries

Please help us update the FFN list of National Fragility Fracture Guidelines & Registries

By Paul Mitchel, FFN Website Editor

FFN's strategic focus during the next five years is to facilitate national (or regional) multidisciplinary alliances which lead to:

- Consensus guidelines
- Quality standards
- Systematic performance measurement (e.g. national fracture registries) for the care of older people with fragility fracture.

Our website provides an overview of these key quality improvement tools in all regions of the world at <http://fragilityfracturenetwork.org/globalregions/>. We are keen to ensure that the information we provide is current. Accordingly, if you are aware of guidelines, standards or registries which do not feature on the FFN website, please send an email to FFN website editor, Paul Mitchell, at pauljames.mitchell@icloud.com.

Further, should you be aware of materials developed in your country to support quality improvement efforts in the fragility fracture arena, we would like to hear about these too.

One such example comes from our friends at the Australian and New Zealand Hip Fracture Registry (ANZHFR). The ANZHFR team in New Zealand have developed a Generic Business Plan Template to

support hospitals to participate in the ANZHFR, and develop or refine their Orthogeriatrics Services, available from <http://anzhfr.org/healthcareprofessional-resources/>.

Not least, the FFN Hip Fracture Registry Special Interest Group (SIG) has worked since early 2013 to develop an FFN Hip Fracture Audit Database (HFAD) – including a minimal hip fracture dataset, free of charge for you to download.

Read more about the work of the Hip Fracture Registry SIG at <http://fragilityfracturenetwork.org/ourorganisation/specialinterestgroups/hip-fracture-auditsig/>

New Book on Orthogeriatrics!

FFN members wrote a book covering the multidisciplinary treatment of fragility fractures

By Paolo Falaschi, FFN President Elect & David Marsh FFN General Secretary

This book focuses on orthogeriatrics, a topic that has received little attention in the literature to date. As active members of the Fragility Fracture Network (FFN), the editors and most of the authors of this book have gathered all essential

expertise on hip fracture management in a single volume.

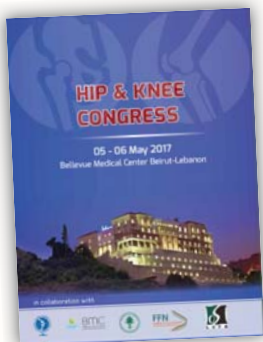
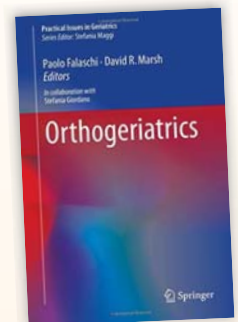
The 14 chapters provide a complete overview of how to approach fractures in elderly patients, starting with the epidemiology of hip fractures

and subsequently addressing osteoporosis, surgery, anaesthesia, medical management of frailty, and peri-operative complications.

Attention is also given to rehabilitation and nursing, as well as to the psychological evaluation of the patient and the caregivers, thus emphasizing the importance of a multidisciplinary approach.

Thanks to its clinical and practice-oriented nature, the book will

especially be of interest to residents and young geriatricians, as well as orthopaedic surgeons, anaesthesiologists and nurses dealing with elderly fracture patients in all parts of the world.



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5–6 May 2017

Bellevue Medical Center Beirut-Lebanon

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