The FFN executive committee travelled to Dublin, Ireland on the 13th & 14th November to visit the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) for the away-day. The two days were spent working on the FFN strategic goals and planning the Dublin congress. Topics discussed: Education The advancement of the San Servolo nursing project which will culminate in the launch of a book by Springer detailing a curriculum for the nursing care of fragility fracture patients throughout Europe and model to role this out across Europe. The pre-day of the congress on the 4th July will focus on this project in a nursing workshop led by Dr. Julie Santy Tomlinson, Karen Hertz, Louise Brent and Robyn Speerin. This project could also be replicated for other specialities including physiotherapy. Sponsors The importance of retaining and gaining new sponsorship for the FFN takes a lot of work and is vital to the continuance of the work of the FFN throughout the year. FFN Congress 2019 The bids for the next congress were reviewed and decided. Regionalisation The ongoing growth of national FFN's and the relationship with the global FFN were discussed. Dublin FFN Congress The local organising committee meeting for the Dublin FFN and scientific committee meeting were held. Other topics included: website development, development of the strategic plan and operational manual, hip fracture audit, membership, evolution of the scientific committee role, amendments to articles of association and much more …

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By Louise Brent, FFN Board member

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Meet Dr. Jay Magaziner

FFN Scientific Committee Chair

Dr. Magaziner is professor and chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health in the School University of Maryland School of Medicine. He also leads the University’s Center for Research on Aging and serves on many boards.

Over the past 30 years, he has concentrated on functional and physiological consequences of hip fracture and on developing and evaluating strategies for maximizing recovery and this work has earned him two consecutive MERIT Awards from the National Institute on Aging (NIA). He has been funded continuously by the National Institutes of Health since 1983. Dr. Magaziner founded the Baltimore Hip Studies (BHS), in 1991. The program’s goal is to identify the consequences of hip fracture with the intent of designing and testing strategies to improve recovery. Under his leadership, the Baltimore Hip Studies has identified multiple consequences of hip fracture, charted the course of recovery from hip fracture in multiple domains of functioning, and identified predictors of good and poor recovery. Most recently, he has been co-leading the development of a new program to establish a global hip fracture rehabilitation research network comprised of an international group of scientists interested in designing and rapidly testing strategies for maximizing post hip fracture recovery. Dr. Magaziner has published >240 manuscripts and mentored >25 pre- and post-doctoral trainees in the epidemiology of aging. The FFN are delighted that Dr. Magaziner now holds the mantle of scientific committee chair for the upcoming Dublin FFN Congress and welcome his extensive expertise.
**News from Regionalisation Working Group FFN Greece**

Elias Panagiotopoulos, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Professor of Patras University

FFN-Greece is at the final stage of recognition by the authorities as an NGO. Our network is a fast growing multidisciplinary society with 60 founding members, half of them medical doctors (orthopaedic surgeons, anesthetists, geriatricians, physiatrists etc) and half of them of different allied health professionals, including nurses and physiotherapists.

Our inaugural meeting of FFN Greece have been scheduled in Athens, for 16th–17th March 2018, where we plan to include the Greek phase 2 of San Servolo meeting for Orthogeriatric Nursing.

Currently we have started working on a pilot mode on Fragility Fracture Registry and Fracture Liaison Service in South-Western Greece under auspice of the 6th Regional Health Authority based in Patras.

Main topics for our scientific program will be focused on:
- peri-operative care (surgical treatment and rehabilitation of fractures),
- prevention (falls, sarcopenia, frailty, osteoporosis, emphasis on secondary prevention),
- networking and community care (research, education and organization) and finally,
- changing health care policy (assessment of new practices, promotion and implementation in practice).

We strongly believe that these suggestions closely align with a continuation of current FFN presidential strategy by focusing on increasing education to all professionals involved in the fragility fracture management. Our multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to fragility fracture management, emphasizing the crucial role played by secondary prevention, will appeal to health and social care practitioners.

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**Upcoming Conference**

https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/hip-fracture-training-nhfd

FFN members are being offered a 20% discount by quoting HCUK20noca when booking.

**Article of Interest**

Effect of Locking Plate Fixation vs Intramedullary Nail Fixation on 6-Month Disability Among Adults With Displaced Fracture of the Distal Tibia

The UK FixDT Randomized Clinical Trial

Matthew L. Costa, PhD; Juul Achten, PhD; James Griffin, MSc; Stavros Petrou, PhD; Ian Pallister, MMedSci; Sarah E. Lamb, DPhil; Nick R. Parsons, PhD; for the FixDT Trial Investigators


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