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Thank you for the honour of serving you as president for the next three years. While the world changes, SICOT is an old society with rich traditions. However, changes are needed for SICOT to adapt to the development of orthopaedics in the world. We must focus on the future role of SICOT as a top-level, truly international society with broad wings bridging basic science to outreach clinical programmes. Our goals and missions must be visible and transparent both for our members and for the outside world. SICOT life is not limited to our annual meetings but should be identifiable throughout the year with clear messages. Our recent past presidents, Charles Sorbie, Rainer Kotz, John Leong, and Chadwick Smith have each contributed to the unique platform on which we are now standing. The new Executive Committee with Jochen Eulert, Chadwick Smith, Patricia Fucs, Maurice Hinsenkamp, and Thami Benzakour has certainly all the experience you can wish for to pursue our goals. However, it is clear to me that we need a “bottom-up” input of novel ideas from well-motivated and new generations of members, as called for during our latest International Council meeting in Hong Kong.

SICOT’s mission is clearly described in our constitution and bylaws. Nevertheless, it is imperative that SICOT strengthen its position in relevant scientific, political and public forums. The highly regarded SICOT profile with its outreach activities, training programmes, diploma examinations and scholarships must work even better and be more visible.

I have identified a number of strategic areas to concentrate our forces:

1. Expansion of cooperative ventures with large international societies, such as AAOS, the Chinese Orthopaedic Association and EFORT, but also with the individual national societies.
2. Improvement of SICOT’s global image in relation to industry and international health organisations such as WHO.
3. Redefinition of our membership in relation to subspecialty SICOT Chapters to be laid out in the Newsletter and on the website. Many of our members are world leaders in their orthopaedic subspecialties. We need to show that not only to our young members, but also to our industrial collaborators so that SICOT can be a trustworthy partner in promoting their products.
4. Providing agreeable relationships with the subspecialty societies SIROT, IFPOS, SRS, Hip Society, etc., which have a vital position in SICOT and in our congresses. Our mutual goals are to disseminate and teach globally cutting edge orthopaedics.
5. Create a smoother and more cost-effective business structure in the SICOT Head Office with sufficient use of our new financial tools to create more resources for core activities such as membership, national delegates and outreach programmes. Most of the work of committees shall be done through the website before the annual business meetings.
6. Continuous input to the strategic plan is essential from committee members and national delegates through the website.

The SICOT Strategic Plan will cover the next two trienniums since we have already set our plans for the SICOT 2014 congress in Brazil. The Strategic Plan shall serve as a fixed agenda at our meetings governed by our new Secretary General, Prof Dr Jochen Eulert.

Our last two meetings in Marrakech and Hong Kong have been successful from both a scientific and a commercial point of view. We are greatly indebted to the Congress Presidents Thami Benzakour and Keith Luk and to all participants.

I wish Good Health to all of you. Thank you for sharing the challenging and promising future of SICOT.

Cody Bünger, SICOT President
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Congratulations to the delegations from Brazil and the United Arab Emirates for having won their bids to host a SICOT congress and conference respectively. The 2014 Triennial World Congress will be held in Rio de Janeiro and the 2012 Annual International Conference will be held in Dubai.
The sixth SICOT Diploma Examination took place at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and consisted of a written part and an oral part.

The written part comprised of 100 multiple choice questions based on the Hyperguide and lasted two hours from 10:00 to 12:00 on 25 August 2008.

The oral part, also lasting two hours, took place on the afternoon of the same day in two slots from 12:30 to 14:30 and from 15:00 to 17:00. Each candidate was examined by two examiners in each of the four major subjects:
- Adult Orthopaedics and Pathology (30 minutes)
- Trauma (30 minutes)
- Children and Hands (30 minutes)
- The Basic Sciences (30 minutes)

We congratulate the following successful candidates and wish them well in their future careers:

- Kumar Shantanu Anand (India)
- Abdulaziz Bahlool (Saudi Arabia)
- Sughran Banerjee (United Kingdom)
- James Barnes (United Kingdom)
- Akshay Goel (India)
- Ravisankar Kirubanandan (United Kingdom)
- Devdatta Neogi (India)
- Manjunath Pai (India)
- Sanjay Purushothamdas (United Kingdom)
- Senthivelan Rajagopal (United Kingdom)
- Arungeethayan Rajniashokan (United Kingdom)
- Murali Krishna Sayana (Ireland)
- Yousaf Shah (United Kingdom)
- Abhijeet Shroff (India)
- Kiran Kumar Singisetti (United Kingdom)
- Turab Syed (United Kingdom)
- Emal Wardak (Afghanistan)

The two best candidates, Arungeethayan Rajniashokan and Emal Wardak, were granted the German SICOT Fellowship which offers them the opportunity to visit well-known German orthopaedic centres for a period of four weeks. The fellowship is kindly provided by the German Section of SICOT.

For more information about the SICOT Diploma Examination, please send an e-mail to: congress@sicot.org.

The SICOT Travelling Fellowships

SICOT is offering 3 travelling fellowships for SICOT members every year. The fellowship enables you to visit an international centre for 3 months. SICOT provides around EUR 4,000 for each fellowship.

All SICOT members under 40 who have attended a SICOT meeting can apply! Prepare your CV and follow the website and the newsletter for details about this fellowship and how to apply for travel in 2009!
Award Winners

Prof Chadwick Smith presented the following award winners with their certificates during the Closing Ceremony of the SICOT/SIROT 2008 XXIV Triennial World Congress in Hong Kong on 28 August 2008:

**Australian SICOT Award**

Amr Mohammed Atef Abdelgawad (Egypt)

**Abdel Hay Mashhour Award**

Hany Mohammed Hamed Atia (Egypt)

**Korean SICOT Award**

Cosmas Onyedika Ihezie (Nigeria)

Arvind Kulkarni (India)

Emal Wardak (Afghanistan)

Lalit Maini (India)
Maurice E. Müller/SICOT Award

Zheng Zhaomin (China)

Marcela Uribe Zamudio Award

Yuliya Cherniakova (Belarus)

SICOT/SIROT Award

Tomoyuki Matsumoto (Japan)

SICOT Oral Presentation Awards

- 1st: Jean-Yves Jenny (France)
- 2nd: Raymond Wing Moon Lam (Hong Kong)
- 2nd: Philipp Funovics (Austria)
- 4th: Emilie Glavind (Denmark)
- 4th: Maher Halawa (United Kingdom)
- 4th: Vladimir Shevtsov (Russian Federation)
- 4th: Hwa-Chang Liu (Taiwan)
- 8th: Turab Syed (United Kingdom)
- 8th: Parag Jaiswal (United Kingdom)
- 8th: Huub van der Heide (Netherlands)

SICOT Poster Awards

- 1st: Parag Jaiswal (United Kingdom)
- 2nd: Kyung-Jae Lee (Korea)
- 3rd: Shang-Chih Lin (Taiwan)
- 4th: Henrik Saksoe (Denmark)
- 5th: Shinichirou Taniguchi (Japan)
- 6th: Minoru Kashihara (Japan)
- 7th: Kei Shimizu (Japan)
- 8th: Taner Gunes (Turkey)
- 9th: Taner Gunes (Turkey)
- 10th: Suk Ku Han (Korea)
Social Programme

Opening Ceremony - 24 August

Prof Keith Luk and Prof John C.Y. Leong welcoming Dr York Chow, Secretary for Food and Health of Hong Kong

Prof Cody Bürger, Prof Keith Luk, Prof Chadwick Smith, Prof Fuxing Pei, Vice President of the Chinese Orthopaedic Association, and Prof John C.Y. Leong

Two pipers led the way to the stage

Lion dance performance

The lion dance performers welcomed everyone to the congress

Prof Jiefu Huang, Vice Minister of Health of China, gave a lecture on "The Health Care System of China Today"

Did you miss the SICOT Fun Night in Hong Kong?

SICOT held its first Fun Night during the Triennial World Congress in Hong Kong. Eighty-five people went for a BBQ in the Hong Kong Royal Yacht Club, which included dancing and a dip in the pool! The fun continued in Club 97 in the Lan Kwang Fong area, where everyone continued to dance and have a great time.

Don’t forget to join us next year in Thailand, and please remember to book early...

Dr Hatem Said
Young Surgeons Committee Chairman
Presidents’ Dinner – 27 August

Prof Patricia Fucs observing one of the Chinese artisans

Mr Francis Horan, Prof Peter Herberts, and Dr David Fang

Prof Dr Jochen Eulert, Mrs Anne-Marie Eulert, and Mrs Danielle Sedel

Prof Chadwick Smith, Mr Anthony Hall, and Dr James Tasto

Prof René Verdonk, Prof Albert van Kampen, and Dr Jan Karel van Meirhaeghe

Dr Thami Benzakour, Prof Se-Il Suk, Prof Ping-Chung Leung, Ms Diana Pansy Mak, and Prof John C.Y. Leong

Mrs Corinna Smith and Prof Chadwick Smith

Mrs Peony Leung, Dr Frankie Leung, Dr Kandiah Raveendran, and Ms Vimala Fernandez

Prof Keith Luk, Mrs Katherine Luk, and Prof Cody Bünger

Traditional face-changing performance

Prof Cody Bünger and Prof Maurice Hinsenkamp

Jazz singer and band
Abstract Submission & Registration

Sixth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference
29 October – 1 November 2009
Pattaya, Thailand
Venue: Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall (PEACH)

Call for abstracts
Online submission will be open from **1 October 2008** to **15 March 2009**.
To submit your abstract(s), please go to the SICOT website: [http://www.sicot.org](http://www.sicot.org)

Topics:
- Arthroplasty
- Degenerative Diseases
- General Orthopaedics
- Hand
- Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Paediatrics
- Spine
- Sports Medicine
- Trauma

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Registration will open on **1 October 2008**.

For further information, please send an e-mail to the Conference Secretariat at: congress@sicot.org

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