

**In order to live “today” and project ourselves to “tomorrow”, we should always revise “yesterday”**

A group of medical doctors devoted to Orthopedics decided to get together and, with forward-seeing spirit, they created in 1936 the Argentine Society of Orthopedics (*Sociedad Argentina de Ortopedia y Traumatología*). The first Executive Committee was made up by Luis Tamini, MD (President), José Valls, MD (Vice President), Carlos Ottolenghi, MD (General Secretary), Pedro Garavano, MD (Treasurer) and, as Board Members, Manuel Ruiz Moreno, MD, Luis Weber, MD, and Carlos Marottoli, MD. One of their goals was to summon all medical doctors at the time practicing Orthopedics and spread Orthopedics teaching.

In 1974, with Carlos Aiello, MD, as president, they created a sub-committee for the study of “continuing medical education”, with the aim of studying and reporting their findings to the Executive Committee for the future creation of a “Committee of Continuing Medical Education”.

In 1975, with Arnolando Didier, MD, as president, on the Extraordinary Assembly of October 28<sup>th</sup> such project was sanctioned, and the first Coordinator was José M. Corizo, MD.

This Committee of Continuing Medical Education kept growing over the years and, apart from developing—as it is asked to—sponsorship and ranking of all courses to be given by the different Orthopedics Specializations, it collaborates with and organizes courses and conferences in the provinces as required by the Regional Associations in every province.

Our Committee of Continuing Medical Education has a close relationship with the “Committee of Certification and Re-certification of Specialists and Recognition of Services” and the “Committee of Medical Residences and/or Equivalent Systems”, whose ultimate aim is that of supervising and encouraging training for our young future specialists.

The Committee of Continuing Medical Education monitors, organizes and supervises the Certification Biannual Course, which attendants have to pass in order to sit for the examination for Certification as Specialized Medical Doctor given by our Association.

The Certification Biannual National Official Course, milestone for our Committee of Continuing Medical Education, consists of Trauma one-year training and Orthopedics one-year training. With the aim of providing our professionals one more tool, for the second year in a row, the basic course can be taken by streaming. This way, technology allows us to connect with our young professionals and with those who are not *that* young for them to follow the road of training even when they are far from nearby.

The Committee of Continuing Medical Education elaborates a unique syllabus which is used at the different Regional Headquarters the course is taught at, which nowadays are Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Córdoba, La Plata, Mar del Plata, Neuquén, Rosario and Tucumán.

The syllabus is analyzed and up-dated on a yearly basis and, with the collaboration of the different Specializations Societies, the names of the professionals to lecture in the course at Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires are set out. Headquarters in the different provinces suggest their lecturers.

The classes given at the Central Headquarters, in Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, are filmed and up-loaded to our webpage so that all attendants in the country can consult and revise what has been taught at the AAOT.



The number of applicants for the Certification Biannual National Official Course has progressively increased—2008 (417), 2009 (492), 2010 (437), 2011 (502), 2012 (551), 2013 (633), 2014 (619), 2015 (519), 2016 (631). The whole of applicants from 2008 to 2016 has been 4801, what shows attendants are more and more interested in this course.

Our future aim is to increase the number of applicants for our Official Course, trying to reach places which are even further away from the teaching centers and cover training and up-dating for all those who want to practice Orthopedics.

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