Dear Dr

SICOT is an international non-profit association established in 1929 with the aim to advance the science and art of orthopedics and traumatology at an international level and to foster and develop teaching, research and education. In last 83 years of its existence it has expanded and is probably one of the largest orthopedic bodies outside USA. SICOT India aims to carry out the SICOT international activities in India for the benefit of Indian orthopedic surgeons and orthopedic trainees from INDIA and across the world.

An important agenda for SICOT India and SICOT young surgeons forum is to establish a platform where in people can collaborate, innovate and excel and SICOT INDIA accredited fellowships are a step in that direction. Most trainees we surveyed felt that there is genuine lack of advance training opportunities and structured learning programs. We on the other hand, believe that there are tremendous teaching potentials and learning opportunities in India and that SICOT could play an important role in bridging the gap.

We at SICOT INDIA have designed an accreditation system that will work on the feedbacks from the fellows and their supervisors. We have also formulated general guidelines, which set out criteria for accreditation. We would be quick to point out that these general guideline do not dictate what the content of training programs should be, rather it sets out rules for a general working scenario. Once the national body approves and ensured that mandatory checks and guideline are being followed in principle, it will forward the accreditation application to SICOT HQ. Having an accredited fellowship program will ensure that the fellowship program will have significantly more value and recognition which in turn will attract more and better quality trainees to the program. As mentioned earlier, the accreditation program will be based largely on the feedbacks; hence it is important that both the fellowship supervisor and trainee send in their reports to enable SICOT India to issue a certificate to the trainee.

If you have an existing training position or are considering setting up one, please mail us back with details and we will assess your existing or planned program and also provide all possible assistance in terms of structuring, advertising and certifying. Attached with this mail are guidelines for accreditation, Fellowship supervisor and trainee reports. Kindly also note that limited opportunity exists in each sub-specialty and therefore we would request you to send in your application to avoid disappointment. Please mail <u>sicot2013@drashokjohari.com</u> or <u>bagariavaibhav@gmail.com</u> if you require any further information.

Thanks.

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