

Report on the 15th Pan Arab Orthopaedic Congress

Marrakech, Morocco, 19-22 May 2010

The 15th Pan Arab Orthopaedic Congress was held in Marrakech, Morocco (19-22 May). About 650 orthopaedic surgeons from 35 countries attended the meeting.

In addition to general orthopaedic and trauma sessions, several symposia were organised on: arthroplasties for hip fractures, mini invasive forefoot surgery, hallux valgus and osteoporosis.

Two other symposia on Road Traffic Injuries and on Spine, including a lecture on spinal cord injuries after the Haiti earthquake, were chaired by Thami Benzakour.

During the Opening Ceremony, three official agreements were signed. The main event was the signing of the "Memorandum of Understanding" between SICOT and PAOA. It was co-signed by Mohammed H. Darwish, Secretary General of PAOA, Jochen Eulert, Secretary General of SICOT, Samir Karrakchou, President of PAOA, and Thami Benzakour, First Vice President of SICOT.

This agreement represents the beginning of PAOA's status as Friendship Society of SICOT and defines common projects and aims, particularly in education.

At the SICOT booth many SICOT application forms were completed and sent to the SICOT Head Office.

Thami Benzakour

Past President of PAOA

First Vice President of SICOT



Visiting the SICOT booth, from left to right: Jochen Eulert, Secretary General of SICOT, Mohammed H. Darwish, Secretary General of PAOA; Samir Karrakchou, President of PAOA, and Thami Benzakour, First Vice President of SICOT



Handshake after signing the "Memorandum of Understanding" between SICOT and PAOA. From left to right: Jochen Eulert, Mohammed H. Darwish, Thami Benzakour, and Samir Karrakchou