The EFORT Academy Promoting Excellence in Musculoskeletal Research and Education

The EFORT Academy was launched at the Berlin 2012 Congress, with the approval of the General Assembly. It is a new subsection of EFORT, intended for individual members. As a Federation of National Societies, EFORT is composed of institutional members, i.e. the national orthopaedic and traumatology societies throughout the European and extra-European orthopaedic community. The Academy’s mission is to further extend this network of scientific, training and clinical activities.

What will the Academy do?

The EFORT Academy will be responsible for the scientific content of all EFORT activities (Congress, fora, publications, etc.). The EFORT Academy will initiate, pilot and promote the originality and innovation, both within and between the European and extra-European orthopaedic community. It is our ambition that, for which communities, the Academy will also need to pay dues, depending on their level.

How can I become an Academy Fellow?

Applications (original documents) should be sent to EFORT Head Office. Information on the documents that are required will be provided upon request. Applications are examined by the Academy’s Nominating Committee.

Who will lead the EFORT Academy?

As a member of the Academy, fellows are entitled (in accordance with their membership level) to privileges such as the exemption from all annual congress and access to EFORT publications and training materials on the EFORT website. Most importantly, fellows will be the first to be asked to participate actively in drawing up the scientific programme for the various congresses on the horizon and to participate in the review of abstracts.

What is the purpose of the EFORT Academy?

The EFORT Academy’s purpose is to promote clinical, educational, translational and basic research interests of the membership, without any national affiliation, at the highest possible level. The broad EFORT structure leaves no room for the individual contributor. The creation of an EFORT Academy is thus a gap and permit recognition for the individuals who made up the national societies.

Why was the all-new EFORT Academy introduced?

This year, the Swiss Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology introduced an optional self-assessment test for all practicing surgeons. The test was well received by the members of the Academy.

The introduction of revalidation or recertification procedures will also encourage clinical, educational, translational and basic research interests of the membership, without any national affiliation, at the highest possible level. The broad EFORT structure leaves no room for the individual contributor. The creation of an EFORT Academy is thus a gap and permit recognition for the individuals who made up the national societies.

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