

SAOA INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

At least three Instructional Courses are to be held each year as part of the scientific programme of the Annual Congress. These courses will be organized the relevant Special Interest Groups. No Instructional Course will be presented on the last day of the Congress.

1. THE AIM OF INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Should be of a general nature to appeal to the generalist Orthopaedic Surgeon. The whole spectrum of conditions treated by the Special Interest Group should be covered by a series of 5 Instructional Courses over a 10 year cycle.

2. GUEST SPEAKERS

As far as possible an attempt will be made by EXCO to ensure that the invited guest speakers of the SAOA have a Special Interest which coincides with the Instructional Courses for that year. These invited guest speakers of EXCO should be included as speakers within the appropriate Instructional Course.

The Special Interest Groups are free to invite additional overseas speakers to participate in their Instructional Course at their own expense. It is recommended that appropriate local experts also be included in the Instructional Course Programme. Local speakers who are SAOA Members will pay the appropriate fees for the Congress.

3. TIME ALLOCATION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Three hours will be allocated for each Instructional Course. Traditionally the Instructional Courses will take place in the morning from 08:00 – 10:00 followed by half an hour for tea and then 10:30 – 11:30.

The particular day of the week allocated shall be at the discretion of EXCO and the Congress Committee but should normally be rotated so that each Special interest Group should have access to days 1, 2 and 3 of the Congress over the course of a 9 year cycle.

4. CONTENT OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

The Chairman of the appropriate Special Interest Group and his /her executive will draw up the Academic Programme for the Instructional Course. He/she should liaise closely with EXCO, particularly the EXCO member responsible for Special Interest Groups as well as the CEO of the SAOA with regard to the invited guest speakers of EXCO and their itinerary. The President of the SAOA for the specific year of the Congress also liaise directly with the invited guests as far as proposed lectures in the Instructional Course are concerned.