

POSNA (Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America) /APPOS (Asia Pacific Paediatric Orthopaedic Society) Travelling Fellowship Proposal 2016

Why

- To reward young and up and coming paediatric orthopaedic surgeons.
- Foster better global relationships between APPOS and POSNA.
- As a learning experience both for travelling fellows and the host nation.

When

Every two years. On alternate visits the APOA region will send three fellows to North America. On the alternate travelling time three North American travelling fellows will be selected by POSNA to travel to the APOA region. **For example in 2016, three fellows from the APOA region will visit US. Reciprocally the POSNA fellows will visit APOA Countries in 2017. The cycle will repeat in 2018 with the APPOS fellows visiting US and in 2019 the POSNA fellows coming to the APOA countries.**

Selection

APPOS has formed a paediatric fellowship committee which would handle the fellowships. Applicants will apply to this committee to become one of the three travelling fellows. The applications would be forwarded or supported by the respective sponsoring body which will be the national association or paediatric society.

Host countries will also apply to this committee and this committee will select the two host countries for the North American fellows.

Who

Candidates will be under 45 years of age. They will be orthopaedic surgeons either exclusively in paediatrics or with a special interest in paediatrics. They will need a strong academic background and be potential leaders in the area of paediatric orthopaedic surgery. **The criteria for selection has been laid out in a separate document.**

APOA Visitation Sites

This will be two adjoining countries. The North American travelling fellows will attend the annual meeting of one of those countries or APOA/ **APPOS** /Paediatric Orthopaedic Society Meeting. The travel will be for two weeks in duration visiting two adjoining countries with a view to limiting the amount of actual travelling involved.

Costs

For the **APPOS** fellows travelling to the United States the cost of their return airfare **and air travel within the US** will be paid for by their country of origin. For example, if an Australian fellow is chosen, the Australian Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (APOS) will need to fund that.

For the North American fellows coming to the APOA region, the costs will be shared between the two hosts countries. The airfares from North America to the APOA region and **air travel within either country will be covered by POSNA. All other expenses like accommodation and hospitality within the country that they are in will be paid for by that paediatric or national orthopaedic association. It will be necessary for the 3 countries which send the APPOS fellows to express their willingness to host the travelling POSNA fellows in 2017.**

It is envisaged that in the future if APPOS can raise enough funds through industry or donations to finance the fellowship, the fellowship could be opened to all member countries within APPOS provided the applicants are members of APOA and APPOS.

Anticipated Start Date

April 2016 to attend the POSNA meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Progression of this Plan

Two successive batches of fellows have completed the fellowship in 2014 and 2015. In 2014, three fellows from APPOS visited the US and participated in the POSNA Annual Meeting. In 2016 three North American Fellows visited Australia and New Zealand and participated in the Hong Kong APPOS meeting. Both APPOS and POSNA wish to continue the fellowship scheme for mutual benefit.

This document is being forwarded to the councillors of APPOS to take it to their respective Paediatric Orthopaedic / National Associations to seek their involvement. This will have to be done speedily to allow the willing associations to participate in the fellowship program. The Australian Paediatric Orthopaedic Society, the New Zealand Orthopaedic Association, the Korean, Taiwan, Chinese and Japanese Pediatric Orthopaedic Associations have confirmed their willingness to participate and fund their fellows if selected.

The fellowship is being advertised and candidates have to apply by 15th January 2016 to allow the selection process to be completed by end January. This will allow time for intimation to the selected candidates, their respective organisations and POSNA. The selected fellows will travel by April next year for the POSNA meeting in Indianapolis.

Estimated Costs

Assuming that an Australian candidate is one of 3 travelling fellows selected by APOA to travel to Indianapolis in 2016. Also assuming that Australia and New Zealand are again selected as the host countries in 2017.

2016 POSNA hosting 1 Australian fellow for 2 weeks the cost for Australian POS (APOS)

<u>Australia to Los Angeles return flight</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
<u>Inland Travel within the US</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$3,500

2017 APOS hosting 3 North American Fellows for 1 week. (2 of 3 countries involved in one cycle)

3 days in an Australian city to be nominated by APOS

4 days attending APOS 2017 Course and ASM

Accommodation @ \$333 per night per person \$7,000

Food @ \$100 pp for 7 days \$2,000

Inland Travel within Aus / NZ to be borne by POSNA

Other transport costs \$1000

@ \$333 per person

Sundries \$1,500

TOTAL **\$15,000**

2 year Cycle TOTAL	\$15,000
Average cost of Fellowship to APOS per year if the countries repeat after 4 years	\$3750