To the EFORT National Member Societies

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Mark Paterson Travelling Fellowship 2016 – application now open!

Dear Presidents, Secretaries General and National Delegates,

The next Mark Paterson Travelling Fellowship will be take place in the United Kingdom from 23 May to 3 June 2016 ending at the 17th EFORT Congress in Geneva.

As you might know, the Mark Paterson Travelling Fellowship (supported by BJJ and EFORT) previously known as BJJ-EFORT TF, is initiated and funded by the British Editorial Society of Bone and Joint Surgery (BESBJS) and supported by the EFORT.

Every year three young orthopaedic surgeons will be selected to spend two weeks visiting orthopaedic centres of excellence in either the UK or mainland Europe, culminating in attendance at the EFORT Congresses. It is envisaged that three or four centres will be visited. At each centre the fellows will learn about the specialty work of that unit and will participate in clinical conferences and presentations.

For a senior trainee or a newly-qualified consultant, it will provide an excellent opportunity to broaden clinical experience, to make important professional contacts and to gain experience in presenting their own work and opinions in an international setting.

For the 2016 programme, applications are restricted to orthopaedic consultants and senior trainees who are less than 40 years old and from mainland Europe. The Selection Committee will look for evidence of a strong academic and research background, and for surgeons who will be good ambassadors for their institution and country. Fellows will be expected to prepare three short presentations of their work which the present at the centres they visit.
Those wishing to apply, are requested to submit their curriculum vitae, a covering letter stating the reason why they should be considered for this fellowship and the names and contact details of two referees who should be orthopaedic surgeons.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for dynamic young orthopaedic surgeons to broaden their experience, present their own work and ideas, and to make new professional contacts in Europe.

Applications are to be submitted online through the EFORT website and more information can be found at https://www.efort.org/fellowship-awards/fellowships/bone-and-jointefort-tf/. Application deadline is 30 November 2015.

We would be grateful if you spread this information among your residents and young orthopaedic surgeons.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or the EFORT Head Office, Mrs. Nina Nürnberg (nina.nuernberger@efort.org or +41 21 343 4402).

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and your support!

With our best regards,

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