The activities of Ho Chi Minh city Orthopaedic Association in the pass and the coming challenges

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Two current Orthopaedic Associations in VietNam

1. VietNam Orthopaedic Association (VOA)
   - Founded in 2000
   - Annual meeting held in October, at a place by turns among 3 cities: HaNoi (The nord)- Hue (The central) – HCM (the south)
2. HCM Orthopaedic Association (HOA)

- Founded in 1994
- Members gathered from HCM city and provinces of the South
- Annual meeting held in June at HCM city
HOA activities: 2 annual meetings

1. The HOA Annual meeting
   - Speakers are experienced and working at big orthopaedic centers
   - Average 60 reports each time
   - Invited foreign speakers as well
2. The second meeting of HOA

- Related to the base of health service network
- Founded by Director board of Hospital for Traumatology and Orthopaedics (HTO)
- Place of meeting chosen among southern provinces by turns
Organizing the courses

- Trainee can come to Traumatology-Orthopaedic Centers like HTO, ChoRay hospital or Medical university hospital to improve their speciality.
- The available subjects: Arthroplasty, Microsurgery, Arthroscopy, Spine surgery…
- The time of practice can be 3-6-12 months.
Hand over technology for the base of health service network

- Sending the experts to demanding hospitals for handing over new medical techniques
- The time of exerting lasts a period of time until the surgeon can perform the new technique independently
Besides their own activities, the HOA has also implemented requirements from VOA zealously.
HOA and AOA relationships

- The VOA has officially become a membership of Asean Orthopaedic Association (AOA) in 2005. The founder of this integration was Prof. Vo Van Thanh. The HOA has directly involved in this relationship.
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- In last July 2012, HOA representatives welcomed the Senior Travelling Fellows. The international friends visited HCM city, we exchanged for the scientific reports and shared experiences in integration and development.
- In November 2012, we received the Junior Travelling Fellows.
VOA relationships

- VOA founded the Relationship with American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) thanks to the connection of Prof. Vo Van Thanh
VOA relationships

- AAOS have sended the experts to help us to improve on three specialities: Spine surgery, Arthroplasty, Arthroscopy.

- Three courses held in by turns among 3 places: Ha Noi, Hue and HCM city in three years from 2009 to 2011 and now this program is continued from 2012 to 2014
The challenges in future

- Improving the speciality and English language is the key for integration
- Continuous sending young surgeons to abroad for training speciality and English too
- Encourage to report in English at annual HOA meeting
Viet Nam will be responsible for organizing AOA meeting in 2015!