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ABC FELLOWSHIP

Members are reminded that a South African Orthopaedic Surgeon will be selected as an ABC Fellow to travel in the year 2018 to the USA and Canada. Applicants must be under the age of 45 on the 1st January of the year of the tour.

The tour lasts \pm 6 weeks and is usually during May and June of the year in question.

Application forms are obtainable from the Secretariat or from the SAOA Website and should reach the Association offices no later than 30th June 2017. Short listed applicants will be expected to present themselves to a selection panel at the time of the Eastern Cape Branch Congress, at the Port Elizabeth Boardwalk and will be notified in good time.

Kindly forward your application to the SAOA Office, PO Box 12918, Brandhof, 9324 - Tel 051 430 3280 - email address : info@saoa.org.za

GUIDELINES FOR THE ABC FELLOWSHIP TOUR

You must be a member of the South African Orthopaedic Association and under the age of 45 years on the 1st January in the year that you travel.

Application forms are obtainable from the Secretariat and on the SAOA website.

Short listed candidates will be expected to present themselves to a selection panel at the appropriate time.

The tour lasts 6 weeks and Fellows will visit approximately 15 to 20 of the major orthopaedic centers in the United States and Canada, as well as attend the AOA and COA annual meetings. The American leg is divided into geographical regions (East Coast, Central and West Coast), which rotate every 2 years.

You will travel with 4 Fellows from the United Kingdom and 1 Fellow from Australia and New Zealand respectively. The tour takes place every 2 years.

You should have 4 to 5 papers, which you are able to present, one of which should preferably be of a non-scientific nature.

The tour is fully funded apart from some minor incidental expenses. It is a wonderful opportunity to represent your Association and Country, interact with some of the leading authorities in your field, visit world-class basic science laboratories and orthopaedic institutions and be very well entertained. You should have some knowledge of the health care challenges facing the country and be prepared to give short after dinner speeches.