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Meet DJO at

- July 12-14 AOSSM
Calgary, Canada
- Sep 29 - Oct 2 ICRS,
Warsaw, Poland
- Nov 5-8 SOFCOT, Paris,
France
- more events

Question of the month:

Question 1

What ACL-reconstruction graft material do you use?

Question 2

Do you prescribe a functional brace after an ACL reconstruction?

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Welcome by Lieve Vanden Berghe,

DJO International's Marketing Director

Welcome to the first issue of DJO International's quarterly e-newsletter in which we aim to provide you with regular, informative news from the orthopaedic field together with our company updates. It also includes news on grants, fellowship programmes and research projects we operate around the world.

We very much hope this newsletter becomes a platform for sharing information about each other's projects and common interests. If you would like to announce one of your projects or initiatives, contribute to the next issue or give us your feedback on this newsletter, please [contact us](#). Our next issue is planned for the beginning of October.

In addition to our international news, we will regularly report on interesting country-specific initiatives. Obviously we cannot list them all, but we will continue to develop this eNewsletter as the platform from which we guide & connect you to country specific updates. Your local DJO team continues to be your principal source of information for regional DJO events and product launches.

Finally, please visit our new website www.donjoy.eu for more about our [latest news](#), our [products](#), and our commitment to leading the way through dedicated [R&D](#).

Yours sincerely,

Lieve Vanden Berghe
DJO, Director International Marketing

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



High performance and Innovation at the ISAKOS Congress in Florence

ISAKOS held one of its best ever [Orthopaedic Congresses](#) this year in the beautiful historic city of Florence. With over 600 unexpected visitors registering during the Congress, ISAKOS was rewarded for the tremendous effort they made to improve the quality of their educational and scientific programmes, a task which is greatly supported by DJO and other leading Orthopaedic Companies.

With the international key opinion leaders all gathered together, the [ISAKOS Congress](#) is an ideal opportunity for DJO to organise satellite meetings and to introduce new products. On Saturday May 26th, DJO, together with Prof Arendt, Almquist and Fulkerson successfully organised a PF Experts Meeting on "Understanding PF Pain". It led to some very fruitful discussions and the organisers will summarise the most important conclusions over the next few months. More news on this initiative will follow in our next issue.

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Q & A SESSION



An interview with Professor Jim Richards

We talk to Professor Jim Richards who has worked for 10 years as a senior lecturer at University of Salford, and has taught Biomechanics to Prosthetists and Orthotists, Podiatrists, Physiotherapists and Sports Therapists.

Jim Richards was appointed Professor in Biomechanics in the Department of Allied Health Professions at the University of Central Lancashire in 2004. He has considerable experience in conducting clinical research. This includes much work on clinical application of biomechanics, the development of new assessment tools for chronic disease, conservative and surgical management of orthopaedic and neurological conditions, and development of evidence-based approaches for improving clinical management and rehabilitation.

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RESEARCH FROM THE FIELD



"Take a Load Off" Clinical evidence into the effectiveness of osteoarthritic knee bracing

Results of studies into OA knee bracing, using DonJoy's "OA Adjuster", published in "The Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery" demonstrated conclusively that the principle of offloading knee brace technology used on patients displaying symptomatic unicompartmental OA under in vivo, dynamic weight-bearing conditions, was successful in providing separation of the medial femoral condyle from the tibial plateau, thus avoiding excessive loads on the degenerated compartment.

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DJO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS



A Resounding Success as FIS Injury Surveillance System Gathers Record Data

Following the launch in January 2006 of the International Ski Federation's (FIS) "Injury Surveillance System" (ISS), the research teams from the Oslo Sports Trauma Research Centre (OSTRC) responsible for collating data for the project have interviewed 886 World Cup athletes in the 2006/7 season, demonstrating huge support for this valuable initiative. The detailed results of the research, showing injury pattern in each FIS discipline, will be presented to all the relevant FIS commissions at their September meetings in Zurich.

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Winners announced for the ESSKA 2000-Aircast Fellowship Program

We are delighted that the ESSKA committee in collaboration with AOSSM and APOA has selected three orthopaedic surgeons specialising in sports medicine to take advantage of this year's DJO-Aircast funded biannual Traveling Fellowship programme. This international exchange program is supported by Aircast, and gives surgeons the valuable opportunity to improve their skills and share expertise and knowledge in arthroscopy, knee surgery and orthopaedic sports medicine in stimulating environments in internationally accredited and renowned centres.

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DJO Dedicated to Research and Medical Advancement Fellowship in association with EFAS (European Foot & Ankle Society)

DJO congratulates Peter Bock, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Danube Hospital, Wien, Austria and Stefan Hofstaetter, Resident of Orthopaedics, Klinikum Wels, Austria for successfully completing their 2007 EFAS/DJO-Aircast Fellowship travels in the USA.

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DJO COMPANY NEWS



DJO Goes Direct in Benelux & Italy Continuing to Refine Customer Service with Two New Subsidiaries

In line with DJO's International growth strategy, the Company has set up direct distribution in two new regions – Benelux and Italy. These new subsidiaries will be responsible for the combined product lines of both DonJoy® and Aircast®, and will enable DJO to both roll out broader product ranges and significantly improve and develop customer relations throughout these key regions.

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TESTIMONIAL



"The Road to Recovery"

by Thierry Sarasyn

For Nick de Wit, the South African freestyle motor cross star, the 2007 season looked more promising than ever. He had a complete European tour booked. After that he was lined up for the Red Bull X-Fighters - 'Sick Nick' was even going to be the first African rider to compete in the 'Olympics of freestyle motor cross'. Sadly things didn't work out as planned...

During the Masters Of Dirt competition in Graz, Austria, Nick pulled some amazing backflips, during which he put his left foot on the ground to make a simple turn, which forced Nick's left knee to pop out. He had torn his ACL and damaged the cartilage. This is when DonJoy stepped in.

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