LLRS Traveling Fellowship

Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society
Background – Why now?

- Only formal training choices
  - Industry
    - International
    - No longer funded
  - 1 year fellowships
    - Very few, long
- Critical mass of LLRS centers with expertise
- Technology getting ahead of tactics
  - Training/education needed
Background - Where?

- **US/North American Centers**
  - Pro: mentoring easier to maintain, travel easier, English speaking, direct practice translation
  - Con: surgical privileges
Purpose

- To provide leading education in limb lengthening and reconstruction
- Train future leaders of LLRS
- Establish mentor relationships LLRS members and new surgeons
LLRS TF Advisory Council

- **Director**
  - Joseph R. Hsu

- **Trauma**
  - John K. Sontich

- **Pediatric**
  - James J. McCarthy

- **Foot/Ankle**
  - Todd A. Irwin

- **Coordinator**
  - Karen Syzdek

- **Past Fellow (2)**

- **Will fall under Education Committee**
Target Fellow

- Young attending surgeon (fewer than 10 years in specialty), fellow, or chief resident
- Basic experience with deformity correction and circular fixation
- Peds, Trauma, Foot & Ankle, other
Format

- **4 weeks**
  - Consecutive
  - 1 week each host institution

- **$5,000 grant**
  - Same as similar traveling fellowships

- **2 fellows per group**
  - May expand to 4 in future

- **Groups**
  - Pediatric Orthopaedics
  - Adult: Trauma/Foot & Ankle

- **US/North America**

- **Observational**
  - No licensure needed
Host Institution

- Approved by Advisory Council
- LLRS member

- Basic agenda
  - Surgery, clinic
  - Surgical simulation/didactic
  - Social
- Assist Fellows
  - Travel/lodging/visiting credentials
Fellow Selection Process

- **Application**
  - Spring 1 year in advance

- **Reviewed by Advisory Council**
  - notification 1 year prior
    - Also allows adequate planning for host: cold/elective cases
Fellow Requirements

- Arrange own travel/lodging
  - With host center assistance
- Join LLRS following year if not already member
  - Short panel discussion at annual meeting
Time of Year

- June
  - Ideal month
  - Peds: elective cases
  - Trauma/Foot&Ankle: Summer trauma season and elective reconstruction
Applications accepted Spring 2015

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First traveling fellowship June 2016