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Marrakech AIC 2007 - Photos

National Delegates' Banquet, 28 August



Dr Thami Benzakour, Mrs Kheira Benzakour, Mrs Janet Sorbie, Prof Charles Sorbie, Mrs Corinna Smith, Prof Chadwick Smith, Prof Keith Luk, and Mrs Katherine Luk



Dr Thami Benzakour receiving a gift from Prof Maurice Hinsenkamp for his work organising the conference



Prof Patricia Fucs, Ass Prof Tomas Trc, Mrs Anne-Marie Eulert, Mrs Danielle Sedel, Prof Dr Jochen Eulert, Prof Laurent Sedel, Mrs Annie Leong, and Prof John C.Y. Leong



Prof Dr Vilmos Vecsei, Prof Abdullah Al-Othman, Prof Rocco Pitto, Ms Olivia Payne, Mrs Avis Hall, Mr Anthony Hall, Prof Rainer Kotz, and Mrs Dagmar Kotz



Dancer at the National Delegates' Banquet



Dr Mohamed Lemseffer, Mrs Meryem Lemseffer, Mrs S. Santori, Dr Francesco Saverio Santori, Prof Federico Fernandez-Palazzi, Prof Marko Pecina, and Prof Maurice Hinsenkamp

President's Dinner, 31 August



Mrs Kheira Benzakour, Ms Nadia Benzakour, Dr Thami Benzakour, and Mr Ahmed Benzakour



Prof Chadwick Smith and Dr Thami Benzakour



Prof Tomihisa Koshino, Prof John C.Y. Leong, Mrs Annie Leong, Prof Chadwick Smith, Mrs Corinna Smith, Prof Galal Zaki Said, Mrs Nadia Said, Prof Cody Bünger, Mrs Atika Bensaid, and Dr Abderrahmane Bensaid



Dr James Waddell, Mrs May Lidgren, Ms Jane Morton, and Prof Lars Lidgren



Prof Patricia Fucs, Dr Lowell Gill, and Prof Dr Jochen Eulert



Ms Diana Pansy Mak, Prof Ping Chung Leung, Dr Bjorn Rydevik, Mrs Margareta Rydevik, and Mr Tin Leung

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Many new records and much progress were celebrated at the Fifth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference held in Marrakech. The meeting was a success from many points of view. Thanks to the sustaining effort of the Conference President, Thami Benzakour, with the support of all his family, Kheira, his wife, Nadia, his daughter, and Ahmed, his son, the conference was an “unforgettable” event.

The scientific programme ultimately included 344 oral presentations and 353 posters. Four plenary speakers and 61 invited speakers gave talks on the state of the art in their varied disciplines. No less than 1,299 participants who came from 79 different countries attended the meeting. Europe provided the largest attendance, 55%, followed in decreasing order by Africa, Near and Middle East 26%; Asia and Pacific 15%; North America and Latin America 4%. 211 trainees attended the meeting.

15 applicants took the fifth SICOT Diploma Examination. Out of these, 12 passed the certificate which is gaining more and more international recognition. The two successful candidates with the highest marks received the German SICOT Fellowship. A total of 30 awards and diplomas were given out at the Closing Ceremony.

This year, we shared sessions with SMACOT (Société Marocaine de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie), SRS (Scoliosis Research Society), and IFPOS (International Federation of Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery).

Among the very good news related to the Society is the progress of our scientific journal “International Orthopaedics”. It reached very recently an impact factor of 0.997. In addition, the very short delay between submission and publication (less than 6 months) and the quality of English language correction represent now a very attractive scientific medium for your papers.

Please take time to visit our website which has also evolved significantly and offers you the opportunity to discuss online abstracts of the best papers presented at the Marrakech meeting. Another new service it offers is available positions for trainees in the main training centres of the world. It also opens the possibility for trainees to request a training position in general or specialised orthopaedic surgery and traumatology.

The rising star of SICOT in the Arabian nights at Marrakech will remain a memorable vision of the SICOT evolution and of its continued efforts to be present in all parts of the world. ■

Maurice Hinsenkamp
SICOT Secretary General

Opening Ceremony

Speech given by the Conference President, Dr Thami Benzakour, at the Opening Ceremony of the Fifth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference in Marrakech on 29 August 2007:



Dr Thami Benzakour

Dr Fouad Hammadi representing the Minister of Health, Mr President of the City Council, Mr Presidents of SICOT and of SIROT,
Dear Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to His Majesty, King Mohammed VI, who has kindly agreed to give His High Patronage to the Fifth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference in Marrakech.

It is also an honour and a privilege to welcome you all to the red

city where I hope you will have a very nice stay and an excellent SICOT meeting.

Owing to its link point location and its secure and stable status in North Africa, Morocco combines all the ingredients that make up a complete incentive destination.

Marrakech, the city, offers many advantages and all the facilities required for a successful SICOT meeting such as this magnificent Congress Centre.

Orthopaedics is at the heart of our whole medical system. Please allow me also to claim that "Orthopaedics is making great progress, bringing back ability and mobility".

My country is not a founder of SICOT, but today everyone is a part



Andalusian music was followed by Daqqa fanfare

of founding. This gathering is very special, since it marks the universality of SICOT which extends all over the world.

This day represents the hope for even better future development of Orthopaedics worldwide. It is a good occasion to emphasise more the SICOT objectives.

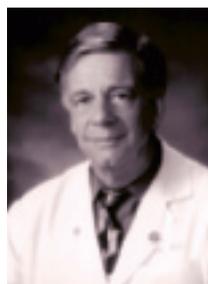
We are here to cooperate and collaborate in developing orthopaedic education and knowledge.

The Masters of Ceremony, Ms Nadia Benzakour and Mr Ahmed Benzakour





Prof Lars Lidgren



Dr Lowell Gill



Prof Tomihisa
Koshino



Prof Laurent Sedel

SICOT has always assisted in the promotion of the quality of life through all regions, no matter our age, our race, our country or our religion.

This Conference will be an important forum for the discussion of many current orthopaedic issues and new developments in the specialty.

I have to thank specially the presidents of SICOT, SIROT, SMACOT, the Local Committee, the SICOT Head Office and the organisers as well as all chairmen, moderators, reviewers and invited speakers, chosen for their international renowned expertise. I am very grateful to

The podium



them for putting this meeting on the track of success.

Regarding the scientific programme, our aim is to reach excellence to meet your expectations.

We have 4 outstanding plenary speakers: Lowell Gill from USA, Tomihisa Koshino from Japan, Lars Lidgren from Sweden, and Laurent Sedel from France. We also have 61 invited speakers giving 78 lectures, 354 oral presentations running in 4 concurrent rooms, and 350 posters displayed.

This Ceremony will continue with our invited presidential speaker, Prof Ahmed Abaddi of Morocco,

who will give a lecture entitled: “On mutual recognition: weaving the peace process”.

For the technical aspects, I would like to express my thanks to the exhibitors. There are 24 booths, two workshops and symposia as well as one live surgery, “Navigation for



The guest speaker, Prof Ahmed Abaddi

knee ligamentoplasty”, transmitted from Bordeaux, France.

On the other hand, within the social programme, Marrakech offers superb sightseeing both in the city with its spectacular sites, and out of town, in the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara desert, featuring impressive landscapes.

Finally, I wish you an excellent stay in Marrakech and an unforgettable SICOT meeting.

Thank you very much. ■

Award Winners



Vaibhav BAGARIA (India)

Prof Chadwick Smith presented the following award winners with their certificates during the Closing Ceremony of the Fifth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference on 1 September 2007:

Lester Lowe SICOT Award

- Vaibhav BAGARIA (India)
- Srinivasa VIDYADHARA (India)

Australian SICOT Award

- Alaric John AROOJIS (India)
- Mikhail GERASIMENKO (Belarus)
- Paraskumar MOHANLAL (United Kingdom)

German SICOT Fellowship

- Athanasios ANASTASIADIS (Greece)
- Ranjith Ravindran KUZHUPILLY (United Kingdom)



Srinivasa VIDYADHARA (India)



Alaric John AROOJIS (India)



Mikhail GERASIMENKO (Belarus)

SICOT Oral Presentation Award

- 1st: Sayuri ARIMITSU (*Japan*)
- 2nd: Emad Samuel Boles SAWEERES (*Egypt*)
- 3rd: Jacob MUNRO (*New Zealand*)
- 4th: Carlo Luca ROMANO (*Italy*)
- 5th: Florian GRAS (*Germany*)
- 6th: Andreas PANAGOPOULOS (*Greece*)
- 7th: István NAUMOV (*Hungary*)
- 8th: Ersan ATES (*Turkey*)

SICOT Poster Award

- 1st: Makoto IEGUCHI (*Japan*)
- 2nd: Cuneyt TAMAM (*Turkey*)
- 3rd: Si Mohammed MADHAR (*Morocco*)
- 4th: Yukichi ZENKE (*Japan*)
- 5th: Arndt SCHULZ (*Germany*)
- 6th: Selva KUMAR (*Malaysia*)
- 7th: Ewy-Ryong CHUNG (*Korea*)
- 8th: Satoshi TAKENAKA (*Japan*)
- 9th: Hesham Fathy GHONEEM (*Egypt*)
- 10th: Simon JAMESON (*United Kingdom*)



Paraskumar MOHANLAL (*United Kingdom*)

SICOT Trainees' Best Paper Award

- Paul GUYVER (*United Kingdom*)

SIROT Oral Presentation Award

- Eli PELED (*Israel*)
- Syah BAHARI (*Ireland*)

SIROT Poster Award

- Tsuyoshi MURASE (*Japan*)
- Saravana KARUPPIAH (*United Kingdom*)



Ranjith Ravindran KUZHUPILLY (*United Kingdom*)



Athanasios ANASTASIADIS (*Greece*)

International Council Marrakech, 29 August 2007



1. Dr Mohamed Lemseffer (Morocco)
2. Prof Federico Fernandez-Palazzi (Venezuela)
3. Prof John C.Y. Leong (Hong Kong)
4. Dr Thami Benzakour (Morocco)
5. Prof Chadwick Smith (United States)
6. Prof Cody Bünger (Denmark)
7. Prof Thamer Hamdan (Iraq)
8. Prof Patricia Fucs (Brazil)
9. Assoc Prof Dariush Gouran Savadkoohi (Iran)
10. Dr Morris Duhaime (Canada)
11. Prof Keith Dip-Kei Luk (Hong Kong)
12. Mr Ian J. Leslie (United Kingdom)
13. Prof Se-Il Suk (Korea)
14. Dr Abdullah Al-Othman (Saudi Arabia)
15. Prof Hwa-Chang Liu (Taiwan)
16. Dr Hatem Said (Egypt)
17. Dr Kandiah Raveendran (Malaysia)
18. Prof Dr Vilmos Vecsei (Austria)
19. Prof Marko Pecina (Croatia)
20. Dr Francesco Saverio Santori (Italy)
21. Prof Dr Syed Muhammad Awais (Pakistan)
22. Dr Felix Gil-Orbezo (Mexico)
23. Dr Ali Jaffer Aradi (Bahrain)
24. Dr Antero Mäkelä (Finland)
25. Dr Mohammed Hassan Darwish (Oman)
26. Mr Geoffrey Walker (United Kingdom)
27. Prof Maurice Hinsenkamp (Belgium)
28. Prof Laurent Sedel (France)
29. Prof Rein Raie (Estonia)
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35. Dr Michael Zimlitski (Georgia)
36. Dr Arame Fal (Ivory Coast)
37. Mr Anthony J. Hall (United Kingdom)
38. Prof Ping Chung Leung (Hong Kong)
39. Prof Katsuji Shimizu (Japan)
40. Prof Dr Prabodh Mukundrai Desai (India)
41. Prof Dr Jochen Eulert (Germany)
42. Assoc Prof Wichien Laohacharoensombat (Thailand)
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44. Prof Charles Sorbie (Canada)
45. Prof Dr Reinhard Windhager (Austria)
46. Prof Dr Vane Antolic (Slovenia)
47. Prof Rainer Kotz (Austria)
48. Dr Wahab Yinusa (Nigeria)
49. Dr Luis Lopez-Duran Stern (Spain)
50. Dr Horia-Bogdan Orban (Romania)
51. Prof Mourad Hamidani (Algeria)
52. Prof Rocco Pitto (New Zealand)

Mr Anthony J. Hall | Chief Examiner



One part of the educational mission of SICOT is to assess levels of orthopaedic knowledge and competence. At each meeting, Annual or Triennial, since 2002, I have been responsible for organising and running an examination for the SICOT diploma.

The written part of the examination consists of 100 multiple-choice questions selected by Charles Sorbie from the HYPERGUIDE - a web based educational forum sponsored by STRYKER. The oral part is an intensive session of questions on orthopaedics, pathology, trauma, children, hands and basic science. The candidate visits four tables at each of which two examiners “grill” him for 30 minutes on one or two of the designated subjects. At the end of two hours oral and two hours written examination it is possible to form a fairly clear idea of the candidates’ knowledge!

This year in Marrakech, there were 12 successful candidates, three of whom scored outstanding marks:

Athanasios ANASTASIADIS (Greece)

Ranjith Ravindran KUZHUPILLY (UK)

Ravi G. BHARADWAJ (UK)

Two of these three will be offered the German SICOT Fellowship which enables them to visit important German Orthopaedic centres over a four-week period and includes travel and living expenses. You will have read, in earlier editions of the Newsletter, what an outstanding opportunity and experience the Fellowship represents and we wish the two lucky highest scoring young surgeons every success on their trip. SICOT is indebted to Prof Dr J. Eulert for this splendid opportunity provided by his colleagues in the Deutsche Sektion SICOT eV.

The other successful candidates were:

Mousa ALHAOSAWI (Saudi Arabia)

Swapnil Amit SINGH (UK)

Ibrahima FARIKOU (Cameroon)

Avadhoot KANTAK (UK)

Peter Kavoo KILONZO (Egypt)

Deepu BHASKAR (UK)

Elhussein ELMOATASEM (Egypt)

Kirsteen AWORI (Kenya)

Ihab EMRAN (Egypt)

We congratulate these candidates on their success and wish them well in their future careers.

At each examination there have been more applications and this year, in Marrakech, there were over 24 potential candidates. For logistical reasons it was only possible to accept 24 candidates because we need the same number of examiners as candidates and it can be difficult to assemble 24 busy orthopaedic professors in one place at the same time! It is therefore particularly disappointing when candidates fail to turn up for the examinations since all the facilities, computers, examination rooms, papers and most of all, examiners have been set in place in readiness. We will contact all the candidates who did not show up to find out how we can help them to ensure their attendance in future.

I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the international team of examiners who dedicate so much time and effort to ensure the continuing success of this venture. They are in no particular order: **Jochen Eulert** and **Jochen Loehr** (Germany), **Brett Courtenay** (Australia), **Tomas Trc** (Czech Republic), **Marko Pecina** (Croatia), **Erdal Cila** (Turkey), **Abdullah Al-Othman** (Saudi Arabia), **Charles Sorbie**, **Morris Duhaime** and **James Waddell** (Canada), **Luis Lopez-Duran Stern** (Spain), **Kandiah Raveendran** (Malaysia), **Syed M. Awais** (Pakistan), **Tim Morley**, **Ian Leslie**, **Marc Patterson**, **Geoffrey Walker**, and **Maher Halawa** (UK), **Rocco Pitto** (New Zealand), and **Galal Zaki Said** (Egypt).

The Officers of SICOT are keen to develop and improve the SICOT Examination and are committed to its continuing success. ■

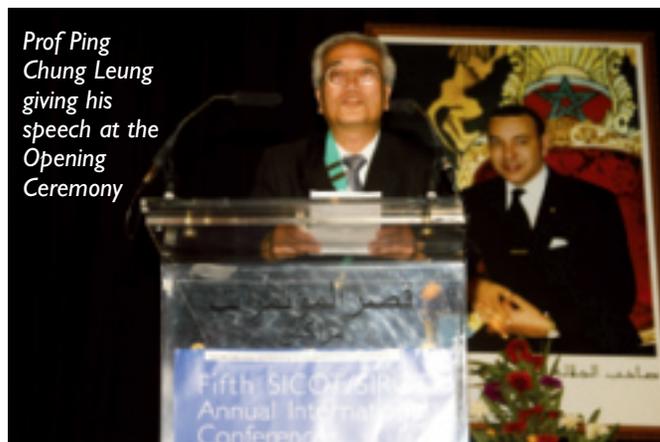


Prof Ping Chung Leung | SIROT President



SICOT has started its training centre in Pakistan. SIROT is aware of the rising need for young orthopaedic surgeons to get involved in research. Indeed, in some developing regions, trainees are required to complete one or two small scale

research projects before their final qualifying examination. SIROT started short training workshops for trainees in 2006. The first was held in Beijing, China, in November 2006, during the Annual Congress of the Chinese Orthopaedic Society. The next was held in Makassar, Indonesia. The workshops provided practical training on research methodology, biostatistics, giving presentations, and writing manuscripts etc., for 50-200 trainees each time.



Prof Ping Chung Leung giving his speech at the Opening Ceremony

Romania is holding a joint workshop with SIROT in October 2007, and we have Georgia and Hungary lined up for the planning in 2008.

SIROT is ready to offer developing regions a similar arrangement. ■

Details of the workshops held are given in the following table:

Time	Place	Co-organiser	Topics	No. of participants
November 2006	Beijing, China	Chinese Orthopaedic Association	Fracture, Biomechanics, Publication	400+
February 2007	Makassar, Indonesia	Indonesia Orthopaedics Research Society	Fracture, Biomechanics, Evidence Based Medicine, Publication	120+
April 2007	Shanghai, China	Shanghai SIROT Group	Spine research, Evidence Based Medicine, Publication, Biostatistics	200+
June 2007	Kunming, China	Dept. of Orthopaedics, Kunming University	Fracture, Biostatistics, Publication	100+

Hong Kong TWC 2008

Abstract submission deadline is **15 January 2008** - List of topics

SIROT:			SIROT:		
Spine	Foot & Ankle	Shoulder & Elbow	Fracture Healing	Osteoporosis	Tumours
Joint	Trauma	Basic Science	Tissue Engineering	Joint Replacement	
Sports	Tumours		Biomechanics	Infection	
Paediatrics	Hand & Wrist				

To submit your abstract(s), please visit the SICOT website at <http://www.sicot.org>

In memory of Prof Dr Ion Dinulescu

Prof Dr Ion Dinulescu was born on 4 May 1929 in Bucharest. At the age of two, he left for Paris, along with his parents, and there he spent his childhood. Returning to Romania in the interwar period, he attended courses at some impressive schools in Bucharest. In 1953 he graduated from the Human Medicine Faculty, one of the 10 best students. Having decided to follow the path of healing human suffering, Prof Dr Ion Dinulescu became actively engaged in several medical services around the country. He was particularly interested in osteoarticular tuberculosis surgery. He had contact, for the first time, with orthopaedic-traumatology surgery, and from then on he dedicated his entire medical career to this specialty. His professional development had no limits. Prof Dr Dinulescu tried to acquire the best from every learning opportunity to perfect himself in his chosen specialty. He attended numerous courses both in Romania and abroad. In 1970, he received an invitation from the Committee of the Italian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology to work in several well-known Italian clinics such as: the Rizzoli Orthopaedics Institute in Bologna with Prof Dr M. Palttinieri, the University Clinic of Orthopaedics in Rome with Prof Dr G. Monticelli, and the International College of Surgeons also in Rome. He spent time at the Clinic of Orthopaedics and Traumatology in the *cantonal* hospital in Geneva, Switzerland.

As a result of the rules imposed by the communist party, Prof Dr Dinulescu was unable to continue his professional development in other ways, but corresponded regularly with his friends and fellow orthopaedic surgeons in other countries. His inexhaustible energy was reoriented at home to both university and post-

university didactic activities, guiding thousands of medical students and hundreds of young specialists in their medical development.

The communist regime could not oppose the acknowledgement of his achievements and, therefore, since 1968, he was able to become a member of several societies all over the world - the Austrian Society of Traumatology (1968), SIOT (1970), SICOT (1972). He was appointed SICOT National Delegate of Romania between 1992 and 2006. After the anti-communist revolution, he was elected an active member of AOLF (1992), SOFCOT (1992), EFORT (1992, National Delegate 1992-1996), and, in 2002, President of the 8th AOLF Congress Bucharest, Romania.



A guerdon or mark of his medical and scientific orthopaedic achievements and, at the same time, international acknowledgement was his election as a *Membre d'Honneur* of SOFCOT (Paris 2004).

The national development of orthopaedics and traumatology was closely linked with Prof Dr Ion Dinulescu, proof of which is the numerous surgical 'firsts' he performed. He was a member of SOROT and USSM from 1953, having been elected as General Secretary (1970-1990) and then President of SOROT (1992-1995). In 1991 he was elected a member of the Romanian Medical Academy of Science.

Prof Dr Ion Dinulescu sustained important scientific activity, being author of more than 400 studies and scientific communications, published in both national and international scientific journals. This has given him his well deserved position of prestige among the prominent figures of international Orthopaedics.

Awards granted at the SICOT/SIROT 2008 XXIV Triennial World Congress

24 - 28 August 2008
Hong Kong



Further information about these and other awards can be found at <http://www.sicot.org>

Abdel Hay Mashhour/SICOT Award

(Funded by Prof Abdel Hay Mashhour)

Three prizes of USD 1,000 each will be awarded. The first prize is given to a trainee from Prof Mashhour's faculty of medicine at Tanta University in Egypt and the other two are chosen from all applications received. The purpose of the award is to help young orthopaedic trainees attend the SICOT Congress. **Documents to submit:** application letter, CV, and note from the candidate's supervisor confirming that he/she is engaged in full-time orthopaedics training.

Deadline for application: **1 April 2008**

Australian SICOT Award

(Funded by the SICOT Australian section)

Awarded since 2004 at each annual international conference and triennial world congress to young surgeons, the three prizes of AUD 3,000 each are to help cover travel and accommodation expenses of young deserving surgeons who otherwise would not be able to attend the SICOT meeting. The award is administered by the Young Surgeons Committee. Candidates must be under 40 years of age and members of SICOT.

Documents to submit: application letter, CV, copy of birth certificate, and abstract(s) for the Congress.

Deadline for application: **28 February 2008**

Japanese SICOT Award

(Funded by the Japan Orthopaedics and Traumatology Foundation)

To be awarded to young orthopaedic surgeons. The purpose is to help candidates attend the SICOT Congress.

Documents to submit: application letter, stating the cost of an economy return airfare to Hong Kong, and CV.

Deadline for application: **1 April 2008**

Korean SICOT Award

(Funded by the SICOT Foundation)

To be awarded to young orthopaedic surgeons under 40. The prize is USD 3,000 for one surgeon, or to be shared by two orthopaedic surgeons. The purpose is to help candidates attend the SICOT Congress.

Documents to submit: application letter, CV, copy of birth certificate, and indication of travel costs.

Deadline for application: **28 February 2008**

Marcela Uribe Zamudio Award

(Funded by the SICOT Foundation)

Two awards of up to USD 2,000 each will be awarded to women orthopaedic surgeons under 40 or trainees who have completed original scientific work in orthopaedics or traumatology within the last three years. The purpose of the award is to encourage young researchers and clinicians.

Documents to submit: application letter, CV, copy of birth certificate, and copy of personal work within the last three years.

Deadline for application: **28 February 2008**

Maurice E. Müller/SICOT Award

(Funded by the Maurice E. Müller Foundation)

CHF 12,000 will be awarded to the author(s) of original scientific work in orthopaedics or traumatology (either clinical or research) completed within the three years prior to the Hong Kong TWC 2008. Candidates must be under 45. The purpose of the award is to encourage young researchers and clinicians.

Documents to submit: CV, copy of birth certificate, and copy of the scientific work (text and illustrations).

Deadline for application: **31 December 2007**

SICOT/SIROT Award

(Funded by the SICOT Foundation)

USD 2,000 will be awarded to the author(s) of original research work in orthopaedics or traumatology completed within the three years prior to the Hong Kong TWC 2008. Candidates must be under 45. The purpose of the award is to help candidates attend the Congress.

Documents to submit: CV, copy of birth certificate, copy of the scientific work (full text and illustrations).

Deadline for application: **31 December 2007**

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