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Preface

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German and Japanese orthopedic surgeons have a long-time history of good relationships. In the past, many Japanese orthopedic surgeons studied in Germany and gained much knowledge. This year, four Japanese orthopedic surgeons are planning to visit Germany as fellows at German orthopedic centers.

In October 2023, the 25th German-Japanese Society for Orthopedics and Traumatology (GJSOT) meeting was held by President Masashi Yamazaki in Tsukuba with great success, as part of the 38th Annual Research Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association. Many important German friends came to Japan, exchanged scientific knowledge, and enjoyed Japanese culture and parties.

This year, the 26th GJSOT meeting will be held on October 22, in the DKOU 2024. I'm very happy to be able to attend the meeting in Berlin. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all the professors in Germany and Japan who are planning and organizing the conference.

Finally, I would like to do my best to contribute to the further development of the GJSOT. I appreciate your continued support and look forward to deepening our friendship.





DIGITAL DIALOGUE



GJSOT - Digital Dialogue and Case discussions

September 2, 2023 German Time 08:00-09:30 / Japan Time 16:00-17:30 (via Microsoft Teams)

INTRODUCTION

Let's deepen our understanding by knowing the difference between Japan and Germany! We present some studies and cases of spinal surgery performed in Japan and Germany. Then, we will discuss how to apply the studies to clinical practice, what kind of surgery should be selected, and what kind of surgery is mainstream in both countries.

Through this, we will provide an opportunity to learn about the differences in the way of thinking about spinal surgery in Japan and Germany, deepen their understanding, and learn the good points of both sides.

Please join us!

CHAIRS

Dr. Koichiro Okuyama | Director of the Hospital, Orthopaedic department, Akita Rosai Hospital

Dr. Ralph Kothe | Chief Physician, Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery, Schön Klinik Hamburg

REGISTRATION

For registration, please click here or scan the QR code.

*Closing date for registrations is on Saturday 2nd September 2023 at 07:59AM(German time) / 15:59PM(Japan time).



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German Time Japan Time	08:00 16:00	OpeningDr. Koichi Okuyama
German Time Japan Time	08:03 16:03	Special greeting Prof. Naohisa Miyakoshi
German Time Japan Time	08:06 16:06	Topic 1
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German Time Japan Time	08:30 16:30	Topic 3
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German Time Japan Time	09:15 17:15	A brief comment on the presentation and discussionProf. Naohisa Miyakoshi
German Time Japan Time	09:18 17:18	ClosingDr. Ralph Kothe & Dr. Koichiro Okuyama

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Chairs:

Dr. Kimiaki Yokosuka | Kurume University Hospital Dr. Francis Ch. Kilian | Katholisches Klinikum





Program:

5:30pm | Greeting | Dr. Kimiaki Yokosuka

5:35pm | Lecture | Dr. Francis Ch. Kilian

6:00pm | Q&A

6:05pm | Case Discussion | Kurume University Drs

6:30pm | Closing | Dr. Kimiaki Yokosuka



Memories of the 25th GJSOT Meeting

At the 38th Annual Research Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association



Report on the GJSOT

Dear colleagues

The 38th Annual Orthopaedic Research Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association in October 19-20, 2023 was a great experience for the german visitors. This meeting was held in the impressive science metropolis Tsukuba at a very high level of scientific issues in orthopaedic and trauma surgery, organized by Congress President Prof. Masashi Yamazaki and japanese GJSOT President Prof. Toshifumi Ozaki. Especially recent technical solutions and clinical trials in spine and joint surgery including IT and regenerative medicine aspects demonstrated the high level of japanese basic research and clinical projects.

The atmosphere was always very friendly, our japanese hosts were unsurpassable hospitable. According to the long trusting tradition between Japan and Germany in the GJSOT there was reasonable time for valuable personal conversations.

The Japanese fellows of the GJSOT demonstrated their experiences at various German hospitals including common operations and discussions.

The continued close, trusting contact between Japan and Germany and especially in our young generation is an invaluable guarantee for our future.

Thanks for these great days in Tsukuba and the sustainable support of our common activities.

We are also very happy to receive the next team of spine and joint fellows from Japan in 10-2024, Dr. Hitoshi Wakama, Dr. Naoya Kikuchi, Dr. Takuya Obo and Dr. Shinji Morito, visiting Vienna, Offenbach, Murnau, Konstanz rsp. Rostock and participating in the DKOU in Berlin.

In 2024 we are looking forward to the discussion with a group of Japanese colleagues on the DKOU 22.-25.oct.2024 in Berlin. Thanks to Prof. Ozaki, Prof. Hiraoka and Prof. Ishibashi so as Prof. Pennig and the german congress presidents Prof. Scheibel / Prof. Seekamp/ Dr. Vogel supporting the meeting held in 2 sessions on the topics spine/pelvis and joint/trauma.



Yours
Univ.-Prof. Dr. Wolfram Mittelmeier
German Chair of GJSOT
Past President of DGOU 2012
Chair of Orthopaedic University Hospital, University of Rostock

Participation to the 38th Anual Research Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association in Tsukuba, October 19th-29th 2023

Francis Ch. Kilian, M.D. Spine Center- Catholic Hospital Koblenz – Germany

I had the great honor to be invited by the President of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association - Professor Masashi Yamazaki to attend and give two talks at the Annual Meeting in Tsukuba the City of Technology and Innovation.

My first talk with the title: **PROSPACE XP Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion System: 1-year clinical outcomes from a prospective study**: The new technology of cagedesign with PEEK-bodies and Plasmapore - pure titanium - coating allows a very good fit into the discal space with fast integration to the endplates and osteoconduction for fusion. In general, a significant improvement in ODI, VAS pain scores and EQ5D5L index was observed one year after surgery. The average preoperative and 1 year postoperative ODI scores were 50.14 (SD 15.47) and 20.25 (SD 17.14). 22 patients were very satisfied and 26 were satisfied with the outcome of the surgery at 1 year follow-up. Two patients were not satisfied with the outcome of the surgery. Forty-seven patients would undergo same surgery again and three patients would not. In general, radiological evaluation of the X-rays at 1 year follow-up was inconspicuous. According to the results of this prospective study, PROSPACE XP implants demonstrated good clinical outcomes with significantly improved ODI and VAS scores, which translates into a reduction in pain and improvement of patients' quality of life.

The second presentation was titled: **Cervical Arthroplasty in Germany**: The indication for cervical Arthroplasty is restrictive discussed – due to many problems of the hardware in the past with slow infections and loosening even after years, ectopic ossifications and failure of the implants. Our main indication is a soft disc herniations in younger patients without bony spurs or myelopathy. In cases with bony stenosis by osteochondrosis a motion-preservation can lead to recurring stenosis. Nevertheless, the indication is controversially discussed and there are several differences between German and US surgeons. In general, the results after Arthroplasty are excellent, but comparable to those of fusion (ACDF). New studies with long follow-ups show the same number of adjacent segment degeneration in both groups. ACDF is also in the present the Golden Standard and Cervical Arthroplasty remains a procedure of choice for limited indications.

The Congress was held in a very warm and friendly atmosphere. Professor Yamazaki and his hosting team did a great work – the Meeting was a fantastic experience to me and all peers from Germany! Personally, I appreciate the typical Japanese friendship – I loved to meet so many friends who I know since many years! Not only the professional exchange, but also the personal contact between Japanese and German Spinal Surgeons gives precious impulses for future work on this fantastic field!

Report on the GJSOT Symposium 2023 and Notification of My Resignation as Secretary

Masashi Neo Professor Emeritus, Osaka Medical and Pharmaceutical University

Three symposiums of the German-Japanese Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology (GJSOT) were organized during the 38th annual research meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association (JOA), held in Tsukuba City, Japan, from October 19-20, 2023. The president of this JOA meeting was Professor Masashi Yamazaki, one of the secretaries of GJSOT. I co-moderated Symposium 1 (New Technology-1, Spine & Joint) with Professor D. Pennig. We had five presentations on new chemical agents, implants, technologies, and concepts, with two presentations from Germany and three from Japan. The topics included a novel intradiscal condoliase injection for disc herniation, a new implant for lumbar interbody fusion, total knee arthroplasty (TKA) using a navigation system, computer-based analysis of the influence of patella position after TKA, and a new operative technique for rotator cuff tear—arthroscopic superior capsule reconstruction.

I also co-moderated Special Program 2 titled "Cervical Artificial Disc Replacement: Current Status in Japan, Germany, and the US." Cervical total disc replacement (TDR) is a relatively new technique in Japan, first approved in 2017, more than 25 years behind Europe. We had two presenters from Japan, and one each from Germany and the US. The speaker from Germany was Professor F. Killian, one of the core members of GJSOT. He emphasized the importance of the indications for TDR without effusive praise, which was very informative and instructive for Japanese surgeons.

Overall, the discussion following the presentations was more intense than ever before. One reason for this could be the dramatic improvement in the English proficiency of young Japanese doctors over the past ten years, which will likely make future GJSOT meetings even more fruitful and satisfactory.

I resigned from my position as the Japanese Secretary of GJSOT on this occasion due to reaching retirement age. I accepted this role seven years ago, having benefited from a two-year stay in Germany. I conducted research on artificial bone at the Charité Campus Benjamin Franklin (formerly Klinikum Steglitz) in Berlin from 1994 to 1996. Our life in Germany gave my wife and me beautiful memories and positively influenced our way of thinking. I also appreciate the GJSOT members for enabling three spine surgeons from our department to participate in the fellowship program and for warmly welcoming them. Finally, I wish GJSOT continued success.

The new professor of our department, Dr. Shuhei Otsuki, a knee surgery specialist, will take over my position in GJSOT. Thank you very much for your kindness and friendship over many years.



GJSOT Symposium 1 (New Technology-1, Spine & Joint)

Space medicine in GJSOT 2023 Tsukuba

Naoto Shiba, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Emeritus, Kurume University Chairman, Asakura Medical Association Hospital, Asakura city, Fukuoka JAPAN

In 2023, GJSOT was held at Tsukuba International Congress Center during the 38th Annual Research Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association on October 19,20. Chairman of the congress was Prof. Masashi Yamazaki, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Institute of Medicine, University of Tsukuba. Slogan of the congress was "IMAGINE THE FUT URE".

Five German guests, Prof. Tim Pohlemann, Prof. Wolfram Mittelmeier, Prof. Dietmar Pennig, Prof. Francis Ch Kilian and Prof. Bergita Ganse visited Tsukuba Japan. Welcome party was held with 29 attendants including these German guests at the traditional Japanese restaurant Sansuitei on October 19. We enjoyed special Japanese cuisine and talked with warm and lively atmosphere.

In the session 2 of the GJSOT meeting, there were two space medicine presentations. I presented our research project entitled "Microgravity experiment of developed training device on the International Space Station and its commercialization by industry-university co-operation". In the same session, Prof. Bergita Ganse presented a paper entitled "Musculoskeletal research – transfer from spaceflight to traumatology". She is a Prof. of Innovation, Implant development (Fracture healing), Saarland University Hospital and Medical Faculty of Saarland University, Germany.

Prof. Ganse's presentation was on manned space activities of ESA: European Space Agency and the musculoskeletal system of space medicine. In space medicine, the number of the researchers with orthopedic backgrounds are very few, and we have not had the opportunity to meet them when we attend various international meetings. It was my first time to meet and listen to a presentation by a space medicine specialist in the same field of orthopedics, and I listened to her wonderful presentation with great interest.

After the conference, I introduced the topic of Prof. Ganse's presentation to the scientists of the Japanese Society of Aerospace and Environmental Medicine. I sincerely hope that a new relationship between Japan and Germany in space medicine will be built in the future. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the chairman, Prof. Yamazaki, for organizing this wonderful session in 2023 GJSOT Tsukuba.

DKOU-Deutscher Kongress für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie

22/10 - 25/10/2024

Messe Berlin, Eingang Süd

Berlin

London 1 - Live Tue. 22/10/2024, 09:00 - 10:00

$\label{eq:interpolation} \textbf{IN14} \quad \textbf{New Technology I} \quad : \textbf{Spine \& Pelvis} \\ \textbf{(DJGOU)}$

Moderation: Koji Hiraoka (Kurume) Moderation: Dietmar Pennig (Köln)

Time	Title	Presenter
09:00	Opening Remarks	Toshifumi Ozaki (Okayama), Dietmar Pennig (Köln)
09:04	Considering Minimally Invasive Spine Treatment through the	Shinji Morito (Fukuoka)
	Fellowship of German-Japanese Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology	
09:13	Does segmental cervical instability drive the lordosis loss after laminoplasty in patients	Takuya Obo (Osaka)
	with cervical spondylotic myelopathy?	
09:22	$\label{preoperative} Preoperative\ virtual\ reality-based\ rehabilitation\ for\ prevention\ of\ postoperative$	Gentaro Kumagai (Hirosaki)
	C5 paralysis after cervical spinal surgery	
09:31	Clinical and radiological feature of fragility fracture of the pelvis in Japanese popuration	Masanori Yorimitsu (Okayama),
		Toshifumi Ozaki (Okayama)
09:40	Recent techniques in pelvic trauma surgery	Sven Märdian (Rostock)
09:49	Pelvic position and implantation procedure in posttraumatic hip arthritis	Boris Holzapfel (München)

London 1 - Live Tue. 22/10/2024, 10:30 - 11:30

IN27 New Technology II : Joint & Trauma (DJGOU)

Moderation: Yasuyuki Ishibashi (Hirosaki) Moderation: Wolfram Mittelmeier (Rostock)

Time	Title	Presenter
10:30	Gait characteristics after total knee arthroplasty for knee osteoarthritis with	Naoya Kikuchi (Tsukuba)
	ankle osteoarthritis	
10:39	Clinical outcome of a new suture technique for menial meniscus posterior root tear	Eiji Sasaki (Hirosaki)
10:48	The usefulness of the reconstruction method with cemented long stem and the lateral plate for	Hitoshi Wakama (Osaka), Y.Okamoto, T.Ishitani,
	$Vancouver\ type\ B2\ or\ B3\ peri\mbox{-prosthetic}\ proximal\ femur\ fractures\ after\ total\ hip\ arthroplasty$	K.Nakamura, T.Saika, T.Iwata, C.Hirota, S.Otsuki
10:57	Clinical outcome of Gustilo $3A/3B$ open tibial shaft fracture aged 75 years and over	Tokio Kawamura (Tsukuba)
11:06	Update double level osteotomy	Thomas Tischer (Erlangen)
11:15	Value of ceramic AS-Surface technology in TKA-10 years' experience	Wolfram Mittelmeier (Rostock)
11:24	Closing Remarks	Yasuyuki Ishibashi (Hirosaki),
		Wolfram Mittelmeier (Rostock)

German-Japanese Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology (GJSOT) Articles of Incorporation

German-Japanese Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology, general incorporated association Articles of Incorporation

Chapter 1 General rules

(Name)

Article 1 This corporation assumes the name of "German-Japanese Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology".

(Main office)

Article 2 This corporation holds its main office in Kurume City, Fukuoka Prefecture.

Chapter 2 Objective and activities

(Objective)

Article 3 This corporation has the objective of promoting academic exchange between Japanese and German orthopedic surgeon and neurosurgeon.

(Activities)

Article 4 In order to reach the objective stated in the preceding article, this corporation performs the following activities:

- (1) Holding German-Japanese orthopaedics and trauma surgery meetings
- (2) Holding German-Japanese orthopaedics and trauma surgery symposiums
- (3) Collecting and sharing information related to medicine and medical care
- (4) Any secondary activity related to the preceding items

Chapter 3 Members

(Types)

Article 5 The members of this corporation shall be divided into the following three types, and a full member shall be considered a legal employee of the general incorporated association and general foundation.

- (1) Full member Japanese orthopedics and neurosurgery physicians who joined the corporation to support its objective
- (2) Associate member Non-physician individuals or groups who joined the corporation to support its objective
- (3) Supporting members Individuals or group who joined the corporation to support its activities (Enrollment)

Article 6 Those who intend to become members of this corporation must apply according to separately stipulated requirements and must receive the approval of the representative director.

(Enrollment fee and membership fee)

Article 7 All employees of this corporation are required to pay an enrollment and membership fee

according to the regulations separately stipulated by a general employee assembly in order to cover the expenses necessary for the corporation's activities.

(Withdrawal)

Article 8 Members can withdraw of their own volition with the approval of the representative director. However, members who fall under the removal requirements set forth in the following Article cannot withdraw arbitrarily.

(Expulsion)

Article 9 A general employee assembly can expel employees who fall under any of the following from the association:

- (1) The employee has violated these articles of association or other rules of the association.
- (2) The employee has undermined the honor of this corporation or has acted contrary to its purpose.
- (3) There are other legitimate reasons for expulsion.

(Disqualification of members)

Article 10 In addition to the preceding two cases, members lose their membership if they fall under any of the following:

- (1) The member has resigned.
- (2) The member has become an adult ward or a person under curatorship.
- (3) The member has died or has been declared disappeared, or, in the case of a group, the group has disbanded.
- (4) The member has failed to pay their due fees for more than six months.
- (5) The member has been expelled.
- (6) The consent of a general member assembly has been obtained.

(Rights and obligations associated with loss of membership)

Article 11 When a member loses his membership under Article 10, they lose their rights as a member of this corporation and are exempted from its duties. However, they are not exempted from unfulfilled obligations.

2 Even if a member loses their membership, the corporation will not return any already paid enrollment fees, membership fees, or any other contributions.

Chapter 4 General employee assembly

(Constitution)

Article 12 The general employee assembly consists of the full members of the association.

(Authority)

Article 13 The general employee meeting has authority over the following matters:

- (1) Member expulsion
- (2) Appointment or dismissal of the board members
- (3) Amount of remuneration, etc. of the board members
- (4) Approval of balance sheet and income statement (statement of changes in net assets)
- (5) Change of the Articles of Incorporation
- (6) Dissolution and disposal of residual property
- (7) Other matters stipulated by the law or the Articles of Incorporation to fall under the authority of the general employee assembly

(Assembly)

Article 14 The general employee assembly is held as a regular meeting of employees within three months after the end of each business year, and when necessary.

(Convocation)

Article 15 Unless otherwise prescribed by laws and regulations, the general employee assembly will be convened by the representative director based on the decision of the board members.

Article 16 ny employee who holds at least one-tenth of the voting rights of all employees can request the representative director to call the general employee assembly by specifying its purpose and the reason for assembly.

(Chairman)

Article 17 The chairman of the general employee assembly is selected from among the employees of the assembly.

(Voting rights)

Article 18 Each employee has the right to one vote at the general employee assembly.

(Resolution)

Article 19 The resolution of the general employee assembly shall be made by the majority of the voting rights of the employees who attended, with the quorum being comprised of the majority of the total number of employees, unless otherwise specified in the law or the Articles of Incorporation.

- 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the following resolutions shall be adopted with a majority that is more than half of the total number of employees and at least two-thirds of the voting rights of all employees.
- (1) Expulsion of full members
- (2) Change of the Articles of Incorporation
- (3) Dissolution
- (4) Other matters stipulated by laws and regulations

(Minutes)

Article 20 With regard to the proceedings of the general employee assembly, the minutes shall be prepared in accordance with laws and regulations.

2 The chairman and an employee selected from those present at the assembly shall sign and seal the minutes described in the preceding paragraph.

Chapter 5 Officials

(Appointment of officials)

Article 21 This corporation will have at least 3 board members.

2 One of the board members shall be the representative director.

(Election, etc.)

Article 22 The board members shall be elected by resolution of the general employee assembly.

- 2 The representative director is selected from among the board members' mutual election.
- 3 No more than one third of the total of board members (including liquidators, the same shall apply hereinafter,) shall be comprised by members who are related by blood or have other special relationships specified by laws and regulations.

(Duties and authority of the board members)

Article 23 Board members shall execute their duties in accordance with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation.

2 The representative director shall represent this corporation and execute its operations in accordance with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation.

(Term of office)

Article 24 The term of office of the board members shall be until the conclusion of the regular general employee assembly for the last fiscal year two years after their appointment.

- 2 The term of office of board members appointed as substitutes shall be until the expiration of the term of the board member for whom they are substituting.
- 3 The term of office of board members appointed as an increase of members shall be until the expiration of the term of the other incumbent board members.
- 4 If the number of board members falls short of the number specified in Article 21, board members whose office has ended either due to retirement or completion of their term retain their rights and obligations until a new board member is appointed.

(Dismissal of officials)

Article 25 Board members can be dismissed by resolution of the general employee assembly.

(Compensation etc. of officials)

Article 26 The amount calculated according to the standard for payment of compensation etc. separately defined by the general employee assemble can be paid to board members as compensation for the execution of their duties by resolution of the general employee assembly.

Chapter 6 Assets and accounting

(Fiscal year)

Article 27 The business year of this corporation starts on April 1st and ends on March 31st of the following year.

(Business report and closing)

Article 28 Regarding business reports and financial results of this corporation, the representative director prepares the following documents after every business year and submits the first, third and fourth to the regular general employee assembly. The representative director must report the content of the first document and obtain approval for the third and fourth.

- (1) Business report
- (2) Business statement supplementary statement
- (3) Balance sheet
- (4) Income statement (statement of changes in net assets)

Supplementary statements for the balanc

- (5) e sheet and income statement (statement of changes in net assets)
- 2 In addition to the documents reported or approved in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Articles of Incorporation shall be kept in the main and subordinate offices, and the employee roster shall be kept in the main office.

(Restriction of distribution of surplus)

Article 29 This corporation cannot distribute surplus.

Chapter 7 Funds

Article 30 This corporation can recruit funds from external parties.

- 2 The donated funds will not be refunded until the date agreed with the donor.
- 3 With regard to the fund return procedures, in addition to the resolution of the regular general employee assembly for the total amount of funds to be returned, the board members shall separately specify the place and method for returning the funds and other necessary details.

Chapter 8 Change of the Articles of Incorporation and dissolution

(Changes to the Articles of Incorporation)

Article 31 The Articles of Incorporation may be changed by resolution of the general employee assembly.

(Dissolution)

Article 32 This corporation can be dissolved by the resolution of the general employee assembly or other events defined by the law and regulations.

(Assignment of residual property)

Article 33 In the case of liquidation, the remaining property possessed by this corporation shall, by resolution of the general employee assembly, be donated to a national or local public nonprofit organization as defined by Article 5, Paragraph 17, items (a) through (g) of the Act on Authorization of Public Interest Incorporated Associations and Public Interest Incorporated Foundation.

Chapter 9 Method of public announcement

(Public notice methods)

Article 34 Public announcements made by the corporation shall be posted on an easy-to-see location within the corporation's main office.

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