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International Congress of Orthopedic Traumatologists of the CICA Member States
"Modern Advances in Applied Science in Orthopedics and Traumatology:
From Biomechanical Research to Clinical Trials (MAASOT- 2026)"

1. The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) has informed that the Republic of Kazakhstan is organizing the International Congress of the "Modern Achievements of Applied Science in Orthopedics and Traumatology (MAASOT2026)" for orthopedic traumatologists from CICA Member States.
2. In this regard, the CICA Secretariat has circulated the draft concept paper, invitation letter, information circular and draft program of the above International Congress (Annex I).
3. The CICA Secretariat has requested its Member States to submit their suggestions and/ or comments, if any, on the attached draft concept paper.
4. Registration for the participants will remain open until **15 September 2026** via following weblink:

<https://iscto.kz/en/maasot>

5. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if you could forward the enclosed materials to the relevant National Associations of Orthopedics and Traumatologists, as well as Medical Universities of Sri Lanka, for their consideration and necessary action, as appropriate at the earliest.

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CONCEPT PAPER
International Congress of Orthopaedic Traumatologists
of the CICA Member States: “Modern Achievements of Applied Science in
Orthopaedics and Traumatology – MAASOT 2026”

Background:

Today, musculoskeletal disorders are increasingly affecting younger populations worldwide. At the same time, workplace injuries are rising amid rapid urbanization, and road traffic accidents continue to cause a persistently high rate of injuries. This compounds the personal toll of disability, trauma, and mental health strain, placing mounting pressure on health systems, but most fundamentally it erodes the labour force, the very foundation of social and economic development.

Traumatology and orthopaedics are also developing dynamically in both scientific and technological areas. Modern advances in medicine and the medical industry enable the introduction of cutting-edge treatment methods aimed at accelerating patient recovery and improving their quality of life. In this context, applied science serves as a key driver of the development of healthcare and society as a whole.

Today, robotic technologies, modern prostheses, implants and next-generation high-tech medical devices are extensively used in clinical practice.

Meanwhile, differences in medical education systems, scientific approaches and levels of economic development among countries result in disparities in the application of technologies and treatment methods in traumatology and orthopaedics.

In this regard, the Republican Scientific and Practical Conference of Orthopaedic Traumatologists with International Participation was held in 2024 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with the support of the Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Kazakhstan, to foster specialized dialogue among stakeholders. The discussions demonstrated the relevance of this format, and in 2025, the Second Republican Scientific and Practical Conference – MAASOT 2025 – was held in Burabay, Akmola Region, Kazakhstan.

To broaden the scope and enhance the practical impact of international dialogue in the field of orthopedics and traumatology, Kazakhstan, as the coordinator of the CICA priority area “Epidemiological Safety, Public Health and Pharmaceuticals”, proposes convening the next International Congress “Modern Achievements of Applied Science in Orthopedics and Traumatology (MAASOT-2026)” with the participation of orthopedic traumatologists from CICA Member States.

Purpose:

The International Congress of Orthopedic Traumatologists MAASOT-2026 will serve as a unique platform for scientists, healthcare professionals and medical product manufacturers from CICA Member States to exchange knowledge and best practices. To be held in an in-person format over two days, the Congress will address current trends and challenges in the development of applied science, the introduction of innovative technologies into clinical practice and industrial production, and the establishment of science and technology parks, with a focus on strengthening collaboration among the scientific community, research institutions and the manufacturing sector.

Expected outcomes:

- Exchange of best practices in the field of applied science in orthopedics and traumatology;
- Strengthened international cooperation among CICA Member States in promoting accessible and high-quality healthcare;
- Enhanced professional networking among orthopedic traumatologists from CICA Member States;
- Further development of dialogue among CICA Member States within the priority area "Epidemiological Safety, Public Health and Pharmaceuticals".

Organizers: Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Kazakhstan, International Scientific Center of Traumatology and Orthopedics LLP, with the support of the CICA Secretariat.

Dates: 2-3 October 2026

Venue: CICA Headquarters, Astana.

Format: In-person

Priority Area: Epidemiological Safety, Public Health and Pharmaceuticals

Participants: Representatives of specialized medical institutions, scientists, researchers and healthcare professionals from CICA Member States.

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ISCTO
International Society
of Orthopaedic and Traumatology

DEAR COLLEAGUES!

We are pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Kazakhstan will host an International Congress entitled "Modern Advances in Applied Science in Orthopaedics and Traumatology: From Biomechanical Research to Clinical Trials" for CICA Member States on 2-3 October 2026 in Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan, at the Headquarters of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

The Congress is organized by the International Scientific Center of Traumatology and Orthopaedics (ISCTO) under the Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Kazakhstan, "AO Trauma Kazakhstan", and Bashkent University (Ankara, Türkiye) with the assistance of the CICA Secretariat.

The Congress will focus on current developments and challenges in applied medical science. The agenda will cover innovations in digital technologies and artificial intelligence, biomechanics, engineering and metallurgy. The programme will also feature the inauguration of the first plant in Kazakhstan and Central Asia to manufacture traumatology and orthopaedics devices and equipment.

The Congress will include the following events:

- Plenary sessions;
- A meet-and-greet session with a renowned guest (to be announced);
- Educational masterclasses;
- Satellite symposia;
- The official inauguration of the above-mentioned manufacturing plant;
- An exhibition of medical equipment.

We cordially invite you to submit presentations and scientific papers on the following thematic areas:

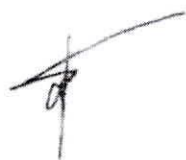
- Multidisciplinary approaches to the manufacture of medical devices for traumatology and orthopaedics (biomechanics, engineering, additive manufacturing technologies);
- Robotics and artificial intelligence in large joint arthroplasty;
- Arthroscopy and sports traumatology injuries;
- Polytrauma and emergency medicine;

- Spinal orthopaedics and vertebrology;
- Innovations in diagnostic imaging in traumatology and orthopaedics;
- Paediatric orthopaedics and traumatology;
- Infectious and non-infectious complications in traumatology and orthopaedics;
- Training future orthopaedic specialists through postgraduate medical education;
- Workshop on Basic Principles of Fracture Management in Adults and Children

Accepted papers and conference abstracts will be published in the official Congress record. The Organizing Committee will issue a certificate of attendance to each registered participant.

E-mail for submission of abstracts and registration: MAASOT2026@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,
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Professor, General Director



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GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING MANUSCRIPTS AND ABSTRACTS

Content Requirements

The abstract shall clearly define the research problem, describe the approach used to address the problem and present the principal findings. The abstract shall be structured as follows: introduction, including the objective of the study; materials and methods; results and discussion; conclusions; keywords. Authors are requested to use Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) when selecting keywords.

Authors bear full responsibility for the scientific content and presentation of their submissions.

Technical Requirements

Manuscripts and abstracts shall be submitted electronically only.

Abstracts may be submitted in Kazakh, Russian and/or English. Each abstract may include no more than one table or one figure.

The abstract shall be prepared on A4-size paper, using single line spacing and standard page margins (left – 3 cm; right – 1 cm; top – 2 cm; bottom – 2 cm). The text shall be prepared in Microsoft Word (any version) using Arial, 12-point font, without hyphenation. The title page shall be formatted as follows: First line: Title of the paper in bold type, not exceeding three lines and without abbreviations; Second line: Surname(s) and initials of the author(s); Third line: Academic position, full official name of the institution, city, country and e-mail address of the author(s). The first three lines shall be centre-aligned. After one blank line, the main text of the abstract shall follow. The body of the abstract shall be justified.

Submission Requirements

Abstracts that do not comply with these guidelines will be returned to the authors for revision.

Abstracts of less than one full page will not be considered.

Titles of presentations and abstracts will be accepted until **1 September 2026**.

INFORMATION CIRCULAR
of the International Congress of Traumatologists and Orthopaedists of
CICA Member States entitled “Modern Advances in Applied Science in
Orthopaedics and Traumatology: From Biomechanical Research to
Clinical Trials” (MAASOT-2026)

1. Date and Venue:

- 1 October (Thursday) – participants’ arrival day.
- 2 October (Friday) – main day of the Congress.
- 3 October (Saturday) – remaining sessions, participants’ departure.

Venue: CICA Headquarters, Building 3/1, E669 St, Astana.

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<https://2gis.kz/astana/geo/70000001031765617>

2. Participation Format and Registration

There is no limit on the number of participants from a single organization in a CICA Member State. However, the maximum number of in-person participants, subject to venue capacity, is 200.

Registration shall be completed by 15 September 2026, via the following link:

<https://iscto.kz/en/maasot>, registration will close after this date.

3. Event Documents and Working Languages

The necessary documents regarding the International Congress will be published and updated on the International Congress website: www.iscto.kz

Event languages: English and Russian (CICA working languages), simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

4. Logistics: airfare, lodging, transportation, meals

Congress participants are responsible for their own airfare and lodging expenses. The following hotels are recommended for lodging:

- 1) Rixos President Astana ([google maps link](#));
- 2) Hampton by Hilton Astana Triumphal Arch ([google maps link](#));

3) Holiday Inn Express Astana – Turan by IHG ([google maps link](#)).

Congress participants arriving from other countries will be provided with a transfer to and from the airport. Congress participants arriving from other cities in Kazakhstan are responsible for their own transfer costs.

Transportation within Astana during the Congress will be provided by the host. Therefore, after confirmation, participants shall send the organizers information regarding their hotel and flight reservations by 15 September 2026.

Meals: coffee breaks and lunches on 2 and 3 October, as well as the gala dinner on the evening of 2 October, will be covered by the host. When booking a hotel, it is recommended to reserve a room on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

5. Visa

Participants who require visas to enter the Republic of Kazakhstan shall contact the consular offices of the Republic of Kazakhstan in their respective countries to obtain a visa. A list of countries with which the Republic of Kazakhstan has relevant visa agreements is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan at <https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/mfa/activities/34747?parentId=3053&lang=ru>

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PROGRAMME
of the International Congress of Orthopedic Traumatologists
of the CICA Member States
“Modern Advances in Applied Science in Orthopaedics and Traumatology:
From Biomechanical Research to Clinical Trials” (MAASOT- 2026)

2-3 October 2026
CICA Headquarters, Astana

1 October 2026
(Thursday)

Arrival in Astana and accommodation of participants

2 October 2026
(Friday)

8:40 – 9:20 a.m.	Registration. Welcome coffee
9:30 – 10:10 a.m.	Official opening
<u>Welcoming remarks:</u> - Minister-level official of the Republic of Kazakhstan <i>(TBC)</i> - CICA Secretary General Ambassador Kairat Sarybay - President of Baskent University, Professor Mehmet Haberal, M.D. <i>(TBC)</i> - Advisor to the General Director of the International Scientific Center of Traumatology and Orthopaedics (ISCTO), Professor Amerkhan Rakhimzhanov, D.Pol.Sc. - General Director of the International Scientific Center of Traumatology and Orthopaedics (ISCTO), Professor Yersin Zhunussov, M.D.	
10:10 – 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 – 11:30 a.m.	Plenary meeting
11:30 – 11:50 a.m.	Coffee break
11:50 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Plenary meeting <i>(continued)</i>

1 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch		
2:30 – 4 p.m.	Session 1: Robotics and artificial intelligence in large joint arthroplasty		
4 – 4:20 p.m.	Coffee break		
4:20 – 6 p.m.	Session 2: Polytrauma and emergency medicine	Session 3: Spinal orthopaedics and vertebrology	Session 4: Innovations in diagnostic imaging in traumatology and orthopaedics
7 p.m.	Gala dinner (venue TBC)		

**3 October 2026
(Saturday)**

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	AO Trauma Seminar — Basic Principles in Operative Fracture Management for Surgeons	AO Trauma Seminar — Managing Pediatric Musculoskeletal Injuries
9 – 9:10 a.m.	Opening of the second day of MAASOT 2026	
9:10 – 10:40 a.m.	Session 5: Arthroscopy and sports traumatology injuries	
10:40 – 11 a.m.	Coffee break	
11 – 11:30 a.m.	Meet-and-greet session with a world-class special guest (TBC)	
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Session 6: Paediatric orthopaedics and traumatology	Session 7: Infectious and non-infectious complications in traumatology and orthopaedics
1 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch	
2:30 – 3:10 p.m.	Transfer to the IRPCTO plant (with special invitations)	
3:20 – 5 p.m.	Official opening ceremony of the International Research-Production Center of Traumatology and Orthopaedics (IRPCTO)	

– Opening remarks by the plant management (<i>TBC</i>) – Presentation of the IRPCTO plant's production capabilities – Tour of production workshops – Discussion on future cooperation – Group photo		
4:10 – 4:50 p.m.	Transfer to the CICA Headquarters	
2:30 – 4:40 p.m.	Session 8: Training future orthopaedic specialists through postgraduate medical education	Session 9: Multidisciplinary approaches to the manufacture of medical devices for traumatology and orthopaedics (biomechanics, engineering, additive manufacturing technologies)
4:40 – 5 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
5 – 5:45 p.m.	Closing of the Congress Adoption of the outcome document (Resolution)	
From 6 p.m.	Departure of participants <i>(Individual schedule)</i>	