

# **Shoulder and Elbow activities in the Netherlands during 2008**

## **Organization:**

-The **Dutch shoulder and elbow society** is a self-supporting organization; in legal way it is a subgroup of the Dutch orthopaedic Society (NOV)

-The Dutch shoulder and elbow society has its own, independent, board consisting of a president and secretary and has about 75 members

-The membership is free of charge

-prerequisites for membership are: 1. registration as an orthopaedic surgeon

2. membership of the Dutch orthopaedic society

## **Activities in 2008 of the Dutch shoulder and elbow society:**

-3 times a year a general assembly focused mainly on research, clinical cases and invited speakers

-combined meeting with the Flemish Shoulder and Elbow society with invited speakers and clinical cases

-development of a national registration system for shoulder arthroplasty and elbow arthroplasty

-serves as an advisory board in the development of national treatment protocols ( as protocol for first traumatic shoulder dislocation)

## **Educational activities in the Netherlands in 2008**

-Annual 3 day cadaver course arthroplasty and arthroscopy of the shoulder and elbow

-master-class on elbow pathology in collaboration with the Dutch society for Arthroscopy( NVA)

-Annual courses for orthopaedic residents in arthroscopy of the shoulder in collaboration with the Dutch society for Arthroscopy

-courses on shoulder arthroplasty/arthroscopy (Amsterdam, Nijmegen and Nieuwegein)

-local courses on elbow and shoulder pathology for residents

-annual AO principles course in which the fractures of the upper limb are taught

-Advanced AO elbow fracture course organized by the Dutch chapter of AO

-elbow and shoulder course for sports-medicine physicians and physiotherapists around the Olympics

## **Scientific and research activities in the Netherlands in 2008: Current clinical multicentre trials:**

-resurfacing prosthesis of the humerus

-arthroscopic vs mini open cuff repair

-convertible total elbow prosthesis

-biceps pathology around the elbow

-kinetic analysis in reversed shoulder arthroplasty

-basic science of the shoulder prosthesis ( collaboration clinical trial and technical university)