In order to understand the differences between “Postgraduate Training Programmes” in different countries around the world and to suggest minimum requirements, the SICOT Education Committee decided in Cairo to carry out a survey. The survey questionnaire was circulated via e-mail by the SICOT Head Office. Only a few replies were received and no analysis could be performed.

Taking advantage of the SICOT e-Newsletter, the questionnaire is now being re-circulated in the hope that more responses from different countries will enable the task to be completed.

National Delegates/Members of SICOT are kindly requested to spare a few minutes to fill in the questionnaire below and to e-mail it back to the following address: drsmawai@gmail.com.

1. Qualifications to enter Programme:
   i. Graduate Degree Title: .................................................................
   ii. Any compulsory experience in Orthopaedics in years: ......................

2. Entry procedure:
   i. Entry Test (a - National / b - Regional / c - Local Institutional):   a / b / c
      Written: yes / no .................
      Oral: yes / no ...................

3. Duration of the Programme:
   2 years / 3 years / 4 years / 5 years / ......................

4. In-training formal examinations/evaluations to allow progression:
   i. No ..........................................
   ii. Once only .........................
   iii. Every year ........................

5. List of compulsory rotations in other departments (not within orthopedics):
   Subject: ................................................................. Duration in months: ......................

6. Research component of residency training:
   i. Research thesis of PhD level.
   ii. Dissertation of Master level.
   iii. One or two research papers.
   iv. None.

7. Type of final exit examination:
   i. Theory papers: yes/no
   ii. Oral and practical evaluations: yes/no
   iii. Thesis defense: yes/no

8. Title of Examining Body (Board, College, University, Professional Body, etc.): .........................

9. Title of qualification (Certificate, Fellowship, Degree): .................................................................

10. Is this qualification enough to apply for Asstt Prof in University/Medical College?: yes/no
11. Name of country: .................................................................................................................................
12. Population of the country: ....................................................................................................................
13. No. of Orthopaedic Surgeons in the country: .........................................................................................
14. No. of Residents taken into training each year: .....................................................................................
15. No. of hospital beds in the country: ......................................................................................................
16. Criteria to fix the number of Trainee Residents in each hospital:
   i. Trainer/Resident ratio: .................................................................
   ii. No. of beds for each Resident: ...................................................
17. Do you have quality assurance of the training in your country?
   i. Internal Review (Peer Review): yes/no
      If yes, how often? Once every ...... years.
   ii. External Review (Accreditation): yes/no
      If yes, how often? Once every ...... years.
18. Average salary of an Orthopaedic Surgeon in the Public Sector in US $ /year: ..............................
19. Average salary of a Trainee Resident in the Public Sector in US $ /year: .........................................
20. Male to female ratio among Trainee Residents: ..................................................................................