

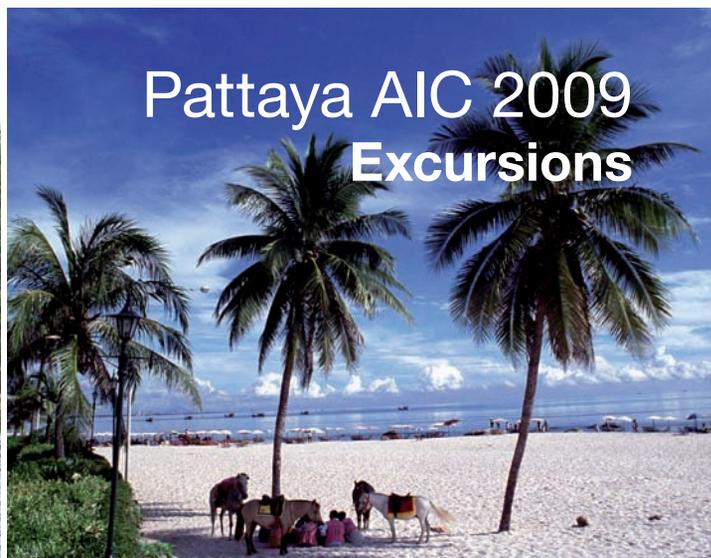


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Prof Henri Bensahel

(1928-2009)



Henri Bensahel was born in Casablanca, Morocco, in 1928. He received the Diploma of PCB (Physics, Chemistry, Biology) in Rabat. He then moved to Paris for his University studies and graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Paris in 1957.

Prof Bensahel spent most of his active academic life at the University of Paris. His great love from the beginning was the care of children, so he chose Paediatric Orthopaedics as his specialty. From the outset of his career, he demonstrated leadership and, therefore, he soon became Assistant Professor and later Head of the Paediatric Orthopaedics Department in Bretonneau Hospital in 1972. In 1982 he reached the Full Professor level in Paediatric Orthopaedics.

After retiring from the University he continued to do research, clinical work and administration as Head of the Paediatric Orthopaedics Department at the Robert Debré Hospital. The Hospital belongs to the Robert Debré Association, of which he was one of the founders. It is dedicated solely to the care of children.

Prof Bensahel was a founder of several national and international societies, including the French Society of Paediatric Orthopaedics. In 1981, he co-founded, with John Sharrad, Jürg Baumann, José de Mesquita Montes and Dietrich Tönnis, EPOS, the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society. One year later, its first meeting took place. Prof Bensahel became its President and worked very hard to make EPOS the well-recognised and prestigious organisation that it has become. His vision and the hopes of the other founders was to create links among the European national orthopaedic societies to allow the free flow of knowledge and state-of-the-art teaching for the great benefit of children.

After the success of EPOS, Prof Bensahel promoted the idea of paediatric orthopaedic associations throughout the world working closely together. It was his goal, and in this he succeeded, to have POSNA (Paediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America), APOA (Asian-Pacific Orthopaedic Association), SLAOTI (Latin American Paediatric Orthopaedic Society) and EPOS working together into one great and fruitful world federation as IFPOS (International Federation of Paediatric Orthopaedic Societies). It was founded in Prague in 1996. Many meetings were planned and Prof Bensahel actively participated as the first President Elect in the 1998 inaugural meeting held in Madrid, Spain. Since then meetings have been held in 2001 in Sendai, Japan, 2004 in Salvador, Brazil, and in 2007 in Sorrento, Italy.

Due mainly to his efforts, it was decided during the SICOT/SIROT 2005 XXIII Triennial World Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, that IFPOS would become a society affiliated to SICOT and would be responsible for organising the paediatric programmes for the SICOT Annual International Conferences and Triennial World Congresses. In Hong Kong last year we all could see how successful the paediatric programme was, alongside the 5th International Clubfoot Study Group Congress.

SICOT owes much to Prof Bensahel for his dedication and hard work during the past many years. Without his efforts, our meetings would not have had the outstanding paediatric programmes we have all enjoyed.

Prof Bensahel was also one of the founders of the International Clubfoot Study Group, participating in and organising its triennial meetings, which gather orthopaedic surgeons from all over the globe.

Throughout his long and fruitful career, he published many scientific articles, book chapters and books all of which were concerned with children's diseases, deformities and fractures. As Editor he had an important place in the Journal of Paediatric Orthopaedics - part B, founded in 1992 under his editorial leadership, and later the Journal of Children's Orthopaedics, founded in 2007, for which he was Editor-in-Chief together with Prof Shlomo Wientroub.

During his outstanding career he received many honorary memberships in national and international societies culminating in 2006 with EPOS's most prestigious award, the Maximis Meritis Medal.

Prof Bensahel travelled around the world sharing his knowledge, teaching colleagues and students in the art of Paediatric Orthopaedics. His legacy will remain forever through the new generations of paediatric orthopaedic surgeons.

He set a fine example as a man, husband, father and grandfather. His home in Paris was a friendly and warm place for all his friends from around the world. To be hosted by Henri and Michele was such a pleasure. There was always a feeling of welcome.

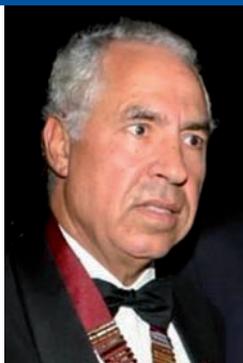
I was honoured to be his friend and, like so many others, I will carry his memory in my heart. We will miss him.

Henri, please receive our prayers and rest in peace.

Article written by Prof Patricia Fucs



Prof Keith Luk, Prof Henri Bensahel, and Prof Nando de Sanctis at the SICOT/SIROT 2008 XXIV Triennial World Congress in Hong Kong



A Gateway to Orthopaedics Worldwide and Meeting Point for Increasing Membership

Dear Colleagues,

As you may already know, the Sixth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference will be held in Pattaya, Thailand, from 29 October to 1 November 2009. As the new Membership Committee Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to invite Newsletter readers who are not yet SICOT members to join our Society and take advantage of the reduced Conference registration fee available until 15 May 2009 and offered to only our members. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by becoming a member of SICOT, the only truly global society of orthopaedic surgeons. SICOT has plenty to offer, including the journal *International Orthopaedics*, the Newsletter, the e-Newsletter, Awards, Fellowships, Education Centres, the Telediagnostic service, and meetings, such as this Annual International Conference.

Indeed, SICOT Conferences and Congresses are among our most important activities. They gather together eminent orthopaedic surgeons and researchers from all over the world. In this day and age, the essential goal is to constantly update our knowledge and to share our experiences often gained from the variations in our culture and education.

It is vital for the continued development of our Society that membership should increase and that our meetings be very well attended. Indeed it is a responsibility of our members to invite more registrants to our meetings and to encourage them to join our great Society.

Let us all be together at the next SICOT scientific and social gatherings in Pattaya (2009), Gothenburg (2010), and Prague (2011).

With this in mind, the actions and enthusiasm of the National Delegates are considered key to success, focusing on:

- creating and/or encouraging activities with the SICOT members in their own countries;
- inviting the President of their National Association to register (for free) and to give a lecture at the SICOT meetings;
- being involved in National Association meetings, by having a SICOT booth and reporting (with a photo) to the Executive Committee and to the Newsletter;
- encouraging non-members to join SICOT by making membership attractive;
- contributing to a greater local, regional and international cooperation for a global orthopaedic environment.

This spirit is in line with the new roles suggested by the E.C. for SICOT to flourish.

For information about SICOT membership applications, please visit the SICOT website (www.sicot.org) or contact the SICOT Head Office at hq@sicot.org.

We look forward to welcoming new members to our Society!

Yours sincerely,

Thami Benzakour

Membership Committee Chairman & First Vice President of SICOT



SICOT from the view of an Austrian SICOT President

Prof Dr Rainer Kotz
SICOT President 1999-2002



The Austrian involvement in SICOT is as old as its birth as an international society since the early years of the 20th century. Three people were interested in a new international orthopaedic organisation:

- Robert Lovell (54) from Harvard University in Boston, USA
- Vittorio Putti (33) from the Instituto Orthopedico Rizzoli in Bologna, Italy and
- Hanns Spitzky, (42) from the Orthopaedic Hospital in Vienna, Austria



Hofrat Prof Dr Hanns Spitzky (1872-1956)

Lovell discussed the idea prior to 1913 with Hanns Spitzky and Vittorio Putti and sent a letter on 25 November 1913 to Hanns Spitzky in Vienna with the idea of an international orthopaedic association. His long letter already contained a list of statutes and outlined the structure of a journal to be called "The International Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery". He was keen to meet with Spitzky and Putti in Europe to establish the international society. Hanns Spitzky asked for and received the backing of the German Society of Orthopaedic Surgery. Putti responded by suggesting that the three of them meet that summer of 1914 (13 July) in Courmayeur (Mont Blanc, Italy). [Sorbie: "The known history of the origins of SICOT", 1999]

Unfortunately, all plans were suspended during the First World War until 1923, when Putti, Lovell (by then 63) and Sir Robert Jones met in Boston. Lovell died unexpectedly in 1924 at the home of Sir Robert Jones in England and all activities stopped again.

Five years later, a letter dated 22 January 1929 from Robert B. Osgoode (Harvard, Boston) to Harry Platt (Manchester, England) again recommended a group of men should meet to discuss the idea including Sir Robert Jones, Putti, Biesalski and Spitzky. Putti suggested Paris on 10 October 1929 as the earliest and most suitable date and asked Fred Albee (New York, USA) to arrange the meeting at the Hotel Crillon in Paris.

The group of founders who did attend included: Spitzky and Erlacher from Austria, Lorthioir, Delchef and, Maffei from Belgium, San Ricart from Spain, Albee, Baer and Meyerding

from the USA, Ombrédanne, Rocher, Sorrel and Nové-Josserand from France, Fairbanks from Britain, Biesalski from Germany, Galleazzi and Putti from Italy, Jansen from the Netherlands, Franz Jiano from Romania, Haglund and Waldenström from Sweden, Machard from Switzerland and Zarhadnicky from Czechoslovakia.



Hofrat Prof Dr Hanns Spitzky (1872-1956)
Founder of the Orthopaedic Hospital

The meeting took place after dinner at 10 p.m. at the Hotel Crillon. Spitzky said that the German Orthopaedic Society agreed with the plan to form the organisation and that he would act as its representative. He felt that the membership should not be nominated by the national orthopaedic or surgical societies, but that in each country a committee consisting of well known scientific working orthopaedic surgeons should nominate appropriate individuals. He said that the Nominating Committee should consist of those present as charter members. Spitzky felt very strongly that good and appropriate members were often not members of national societies.

In 1924 when Spitzky was proposed as successor of Adolf Lorenz at the University of Vienna by the Nominating Committee he was rejected.



Hofrat Prof Dr Adolf Lorenz (1854-1946)

The plans for an Orthopaedic Department at the University of Vienna were suspended and orthopaedics was back again as part of the Surgical Department with Julius Hass as its leader. With this experience in mind, Spitzky was in favour of a National SICOT Committee independent of universities and national societies, especially where orthopaedics was not a separate department at the Medical Faculty of the National University. Maybe other members had had similar experiences and therefore Spitzky's proposal was taken into consideration.

Capital: Vienna
Population: 8,310,000
Location: Central Europe
Surface area: 83,870 km²
Official language: German
Major religion: Christianity
Type of government: Federal Republic



No. of orthopaedic surgeons, members of ÖGO (Austrian Society of Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery): 1,000
No. of doctors: 30,000 (Source: WHO)
No. of SICOT active members: 23

A committee, which consisted of Spitzzy, Putti, Jansen, Fairbanks and Ombrédanne, was appointed to form and define the bylaws. The meeting closed at 1 a.m. and Spitzzy, Jansen and Meyerding went on talking until 2 a.m., going over the constitution and translating it from German into English.

Spitzzy's ability to decide and act quickly was helpful in those days. The day after the inauguration of the society, at 9 a.m. another meeting took place, consisting of Albee, Putti, Ombrédanne, Spitzzy, Jansen and Fairbanks, and a third meeting at 6 p.m. on 11 October 1929.

Austria's active part in SICOT ended then and in the following three SICOT Congresses, 1930 in Paris, 1933 in London and 1936 in Bologna, Austria did not play an important role, but its members, Erlacher and Stracker, participated.



*Prof Dr Philipp Erlacher (1886-1980)
 Long-time Director of the Orthopaedic Hospital*

After planning a 1939 SICOT Congress in Berlin, the Second World War ended SICOT's activities until the Congress in Amsterdam in 1948. Franz Endler's most important role in SICOT was the acquisition of the 9th SICOT Congress on 15-17 September 1969 in Vienna. Karl Chiari and Franz Endler were the secretaries who organised the scientific and social programme; Philip Wilson from New York was the President of the Congress, Philipp Erlacher from Vienna was Vice-President, and the Gala Dinner was held in the Hofburg (Imperial Palace)



Prof Dr Karl Chiari (1912-1982)

The first time I attended a SICOT meeting was in 1978 in Kyoto, Japan, when I became Austria's National Delegate.

Due to my former activities in the Eastern European countries, I was chosen as European Vice-President in 1990 at Montreal and

became the First Vice-President. This was the first time that an Austrian orthopaedic surgeon had become a member of the Executive Committee (EC) of SICOT. The first thing I did was to recruit the "well known, scientific members" in Austria for membership in SICOT - according to Spitzzy's idea. I also included trauma surgeons. I remember the successful fights in the EC with the Springer publishing house for our journal "International Orthopaedics" and the continuous work to get qualified members according to our statutes.

For the next triennium 1993-1996 the Nominating Committee proposed that I take on the position of Treasurer. At that time Maurice Hinsenkamp had replaced temporarily Jacques Wagner as Secretary General when Wagner unexpectedly died. Later he was a candidate for Secretary General. Surprisingly, instead of Maurice Hinsenkamp, Tony Hall was elected Secretary General. He was a very active National Delegate from London and had already organised two Trainees' Meetings, at which I had the pleasure to be a lecturer. Therefore, I stepped back as a candidate for Treasurer to leave the position to Maurice Hinsenkamp. It was a requirement for our statutes that a Belgian be a member of the EC and to use his experience as a SICOT administrator. At the same meeting in Seoul I was again elected as European Vice-President. Finally in 1996 in Amsterdam, I was proposed by Leonardo Zamudio from Mexico as the only nominee for President Elect and was elected unanimously! With that vote for 9 years until 2005, I was President Elect, President and Immediate Past President. I was in a leading position with all the authority, duties and workload to guide the international society. During all this time I had a colleague in my Department - Cyril Toma, who was multilingual and multinational - at my side to organise with Maurice Hinsenkamp and Tony Hall a telediagnostic system, the Sponsoring Fellowship and learning centres in developing countries. Additionally, we initiated in the upcoming computer era 'SICOT World' to get early and fast communication. Finally, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of our Society on 14 September 1999 in Portoroz, we decided on Annual International Conferences (AIC) and chose Paris for 2001. This first SICOT AIC, organised together with Laurent Sedel from Paris, was scientifically and socially a tremendous success with 800 participants. The other annual meetings in Cairo 2003, Havana 2004, Buenos Aires 2006 and Marrakech 2007 were important steps forward, making the former "Inter-congress Activity" into scientific and social SICOT meetings with an average of 1,000 participants with an important impact on the region.

The article continues on the following page.

What is your diagnosis?



A 52-year-old male carpenter sustained a fall and presented himself with a painful shoulder.

What is your diagnosis?

The X-ray (figure 1) shows clear signs of:

- Subcapital fracture?
- Displaced 4-part fracture?
- Displaced 3-part fracture with head split?
- Dislocation fracture?
- Pathological fracture?

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To find out the answer and to see further comments, please go to the SICOT website:

http://www.sicot.org/?id_page=173

Country to Country Series (continued)

The most difficult situation for SICOT during that time was the attempt of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) to form a world organisation of orthopaedics. All this started with the "International Presidents' Breakfast" and ended in a proposal for statutes, during the AAOS Presidency of Bob D'Ambrosia, for a World Orthopaedic Forum in Orlando, Florida, in 2000.

At our SICOT meeting in Madrid on 30 September 2000 I invited Bob D'Ambrosia to defend his proposal in front of the SICOT delegates. Since he refused to come to Madrid, I organised a telephone conference, where 70 national delegates were present, 49 of them Presidents, Past Presidents or Presidents Elect of their country. Bob D'Ambrosia's proposal to form a world organisation of orthopaedics under the leadership of the USA was completely rejected and finally the AAOS gave up this idea, especially when terrorists attacked the USA.

Due to the attack on the World Trade Centre Twin Towers on 11 September 2001, my period as President was difficult because of

travel restrictions and economic downturns. Nevertheless, the 2002 Triennial World Congress in San Diego, organised together with Chad Smith, USA, was a big success and 3,000 participants showed up. The weather was fine, the scientific content high and financially this was one of the best TWC, with an enormous success due to the efforts of Denise Duhaime, who organised the financial part to our utter satisfaction.

I do not want to end this AUSTRIAN report without mentioning Karl Knahr, former National Delegate and Chairman of the Publications and Communications Committee; Reinhard Windhager from Graz as his successor as National Delegate; Cyril Toma, founder and Chairman of the Young Surgeons Committee; and Vilmos Vécsei, Chairman of the Trauma Committee. As I am ending my period as Head of the Orthopaedic Department of the Medical University of Vienna this year, I wish SICOT all the best for the future.

(The complete article can be found on the SICOT website in Library/Articles & Lectures)



Patricia Fucs

SICOT Treasurer

Congratulations on being nominated as SICOT Treasurer for a second term. What motivated you to become Treasurer in 2005?

SICOT has had a special place in my life from the beginning, as it gave me the opportunity to undertake the fellowship at the DuPont Institute with Dr Dean MacEwen a long time ago. Thanks to him I started learning about the Society and what it represents to the world of Orthopaedics. Back in Brazil I knew Prof Márcio Ibraim de Carvalho, former National Delegate, who was always telling young surgeons about the importance of the world Society. When he finished his terms, I was elected National Delegate in 1999 with his support. Sydney was my first meeting as National Delegate and I was the only female Delegate, which was quite uncommon at that time.

In fact, I had never thought about being a member of the EC, not even Treasurer. I knew about the nomination when I arrived in Istanbul and it was a great honour for me. Without the support of many EC members and Past Presidents of SICOT, it never would have happened.

What would you like to achieve in the next three-year term?

Being Treasurer means that you should know about management, in which, as a surgeon I was never experienced. So, trying to learn how to deal with many numbers and statements was very difficult. Now, after my first term, I believe that I have learned a lot and have tried to make all the finances clearer to all members.

Nowadays, with the economic crisis the world is changing and we have to face more difficulties and challenges to continue our mission.

Why did you decide to become a SICOT member in 1990 and how has the Society changed in your opinion?

As I mentioned before, finding out about SICOT was an unexpected event in my life during my residency. Then I saw the opportunity for fellowships through the SICOT members in the USA. The mission of our society, which is to develop education worldwide, has never changed.

What first attracted you to paediatric orthopaedic surgery in particular?

The care for children is for me the most special area in Orthopaedics. Within the specialty of Paediatric Orthopaedics, I am mainly dedicated to neuromuscular conditions and trauma.

It is known that there are comparatively very few female orthopaedic surgeons in the world. What are the reasons behind this discrepancy and do you think the situation will change in the future?

In the past, surgery was mainly for men, especially because women didn't attend medical schools. In the last century this changed and more women had access to all universities. Today, the profile of medical schools around the world seems to be changing in a similar way, as there are more and more female students. Why were there fewer women in medicine? You could not find an answer anywhere. Maybe women are more active today, maybe the time to become a medical doctor is too long, maybe women didn't want to wait that long, who knows? But we are more persistent. What we do know is that there are more female doctors now, and consequently more female surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons too. In Brazil, among the almost 10,000 members of the Brazilian Society, we are around 300, so really a minority. This number will probably increase in the next decade, at least I hope so.

What obstacles, if any, did you have to overcome?

We all have obstacles, difficulties and challenges to face in our professional lives. It doesn't matter if you are a male or female surgeon. The female surgeons have more roles to play at the same time: a professional life to work on, a family to take care of, children, husband, and so on. Therefore, I do believe that we are very strong and faithful to be able to accomplish so many tasks at the same time. And we do it all using our sharp minds, strong hands and gentle hearts.

Meetings

SICOT Administrative Meetings in Bangkok

Venue: Radisson Hotel, 92 Soi Saengcham, Rama 9 Road, Huay Kwang, 10320 Bangkok

The International Council meeting and the SICOT administrative sessions will be held in Bangkok from 26 to 28 October 2009, before the Conference in Pattaya from 29 October to 1 November 2009.

- Monday, 26 October 2009:

The Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to take place from 09.00 to 16.00.

- Tuesday, 27 October 2009:

The Board of Directors, standing committees, and geographical sections will meet from 08.30 to 17.30. A Welcome Reception will be held from 19.30 to 20.15, followed by the National Delegates' Banquet at 20.30.

- Wednesday, 28 October 2009:

The International Council will meet from 09.00 to 18.00, with a lunch break from 13.00 to 14.00.



General Assembly in Pattaya

Venue: Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall, 353 Phra Tamnuk Road, Pattaya, Choburi 20150

The SICOT General Assembly is open to all SICOT members and will take place on Friday, 30 October 2009 at the Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall (room and time to be confirmed).

Please make a note of these dates and check the SICOT website (Members' Area page) regularly for any additional information or possible changes.

The Society's international presence

AAOS

SICOT was present at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) 76th Annual Meeting which took place in Las Vegas from 25 to 28 February 2009.

EFORT

SICOT will also have a booth at the EFORT congress 2009 in Vienna, Austria, from 3 to 6 June 2009. We invite you to visit us at booth Y-10 (in Hall Y) to find out more about the Society and what it has to offer.



Prof Saranatra Waikakul (right), RCOST President, and Prof Cody Büniger (left), SICOT President, in front of the SICOT booth at the AAOS Annual Meeting



Safety in Thailand

Prof Wichien Laohacharoensombat
 Conference President - Pattaya AIC 2009
 Immediate Past President of RCOST



Bangkok



Thai puppet show, one of the most popular shows in Bangkok



Pattaya

Dear All,

Greetings from Thailand!

On behalf of the local organising committee, I would like to assure you that the political disturbances during recent months in Thailand have now been resolved. The protests that occurred were almost entirely peaceful and did not affect those not involved in them apart from the delays caused by the Bangkok airport closure. The new government has made the safety of visitors a top priority, so please rest assured that order has been restored and travelling to Thailand is safe.

Thailand's history and cultural heritage is rich and quite diverse, from region to region. The attitude of our people is uniquely harmonious, indeed we are famous for being friendly. We are given to the most heart-warming and beautiful smiles! Visitors to Thailand will take home many fond memories of this lovely country and will long to return.

Pattaya is one of the most exciting places in Thailand, having been a world-renowned tourist location for decades. Travelling to Pattaya is convenient, only a short ride by road from the airport. Pattaya will cater to any activity you would like to experience: waterskiing, parachuting, paragliding, speed boating, extravaganza shows, shopping, colourful nightlife or the most sophisticated and luxurious cuisine from world-class chefs, you name it - Pattaya can offer it all.

Pattaya is not only a favourite vacation paradise for foreigners but Thais themselves have always sought its charms and the excitement it can offer. Another thing that has contributed to Pattaya's fame is its safety. Many police are constantly on patrol to offer personal assistance to tourists. With a strong tie to local communities Pattaya is welcoming, friendly, exciting and is safe for tourists.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks on behalf of the organising committee for your support in attending the meeting in Thailand.

I am looking forward to welcoming all of you to the Sixth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference in Pattaya.

Pattaya AIC 2009 - Latest News!

All abstracts submitted are currently being peer reviewed. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by e-mail to the first author on 20 April 2009. At least one author of each abstract must register and pay the conference registration fee to have his/her abstract(s) included in the Final Programme and Abstract Book. Discounted registration rates are being offered until 15 May 2009. Register now and take advantage of this offer!

Excursions in Pattaya

Excursion	Pick-up time		Price in Thai Baht	Remark
	a.m.	p.m.		
Coral Island with lunch (full day)	09:00		850.00	daily
Samed Island with lunch (full day)	07:30		1,300.00	min. 6 persons
Elephant Trekking (half day)	10:00	15:30	1,100.00	daily
Tiger Land Park (half day)	08:45	13:45	850.00	daily
Nong Nooch Village (half day)	08:15	13:15	800.00	daily
The Sanctuary of Truth (half day)	09:45	12:45	750.00	daily
Pattaya Discovery Tours (half day)	07:45		950.00	min. 6 persons
Mini Siam (half day)	09:45		650.00	daily
Pattaya Crocodile Farm (full day)		13:45	650.00	daily
Evening Cabaret Show		19:00	800.00	daily

Rates are quoted in Thai Baht net per person.

- Tour rates are based on a seat-in-coach basis.
- Tours are conducted with an English speaking guide.
- Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance.
- Pick-ups can be arranged from hotels in Pattaya only.
- Pick-up time to be reconfirmed.
- Children under 12 years old receive a 50% discount.



Coral Island

Coral Island

Visit one of the local islands, where the water is so clear that you can see the seabed, even in 20 feet of water. A one-hour boat ride will bring you to a sheltered beach where you can laze in the sun or take part in the many water sports offered before a seafood lunch (included).



Samed Island

Samed Island

This island truly deserves to be called a paradise island. The sand is white and fine, the water is warm, clear and refreshing, and the palm trees sway in the gentle breeze. Lunch is included on this beautiful island.

Elephant Trekking

A one-hour excursion on a well-trained elephant is an experience that should not be missed. The elephant will take you to the up-country side of Pattaya, where you can also taste Thai seasonal fruits. Children are welcome.

Tiger Land Park

A short 30-minute drive will bring you to the world's largest tiger zoo. The day consists of a guided tour of the park, with the opportunity to have photos taken with baby tigers in their compound. There are many other animals to see and feed, and elephant rides are also available.



Nong Nooch Village

Nong Nooch Village

For those who like a touch of beauty and culture, Nong Nooch Village is ideal. This excursion is your opportunity to experience many aspects of Thai culture in a short time. The village itself is set in landscaped gardens with natural land and waterfalls. Whilst you are there you will see displays of Thai boxing, sword fighting and the most beautiful dances with amazing costumes.



The Sanctuary of Truth

The Sanctuary of Truth

On the seashore of Rachvate Cape near Pattaya lies a wooden construction called The Sanctuary of Truth, the top of which is exposed high up in the sky. It proudly reflects the Ancient Knowledge of Thai artists at present.

Pattaya Discovery Tour

A varied half-day tour where you will see a lot of interesting things at the local market, marine aquarium full of colourful tropical fish, a cliff full of tame monkeys, and an oyster farm. You will also visit a stone village before reaching the nurseries of the famous orchid farm, where many beautiful varieties of orchids are grown for export.



Pattaya Discovery Tour

Mini Siam & Mini World

Thai heritage is depicted here on a miniature scale, bringing together more than 100 models of important art objects and historical sites throughout the kingdom. These models are all reproduced on a scale of 1:25 and are distinguished by their fine beauty and the laborious work of skilful craftsmen, who make them look exactly like the original ones.

Pattaya Crocodile Farm

Thousands of saltwater and freshwater crocodiles living in shady natural surroundings can be found on this farm. It is located on over 70 acres of land and just 15 minutes drive from Pattaya. This park and farm is a new striking tourist attraction created during the past 20 years for all nature lovers.



Pattaya Crocodile Farm

Evening Cabaret Show

One of the world's most famous transvestite cabaret shows. More than 2,000 people enjoy these spectacular performances every night.



Pattaya by night

For more information, please go to

http://www.sicot2009thailand.org/social_program.html

Please visit the SICOT website regularly for updated information about Pattaya AIC 2009.

Fun Night

Sixth SICOT/SIROT Annual International Conference

29 October – 1 November 2009
Pattaya, Thailand

Venue: Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall (PEACH)



Date: Friday, 30 October 2009
Time: 19:00
Venue: Royal Cliff Beach Resort
Price: EUR 50
(includes barbecue dinner and soft drinks)

After the success of the first Fun Night held in Hong Kong during the SICOT/SIROT 2008 XXIV Triennial World Congress, the Young Surgeons Committee is organising a second one in Pattaya. This year, the evening will include basketball and volleyball games on the beach. A delicious barbecue dinner will also be served.

Join us for a fun-filled night organised especially for young conference participants and those young at heart!

Reservation and payment can be made via the conference registration form for your country. If you have already registered for the conference and you wish to attend the Fun Night, please contact SICOT (international registration) or Wildblue Congress Organiser, Ltd. (South-East Asian registration):

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