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The Belgian Society for Computer Assisted Orthopaedic Surgery

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

During the successful Orthopaedica Belgica meeting in Louvain-la-Neuve, last April 2015, a special session was dedicated to Computer Assisted Orthopaedic Surgery and related technologies. The idea was to have surgeons, engineers and scientists together on the same podium and let them discuss how they can collaborate to the best interest of the patients. Topics like navigation, patient-specific instruments and implants, robotics, numerical modelling and future technologies were covered. The session was extremely positive and, as a consequence, the assembly of attendees agreed there is an opportunity to create CAOS-Belgium as a subsidiary of CAOS-International, the International Society for Computer Assisted Orthopaedic Surgery.

It is a pleasure for us to announce today CAOS-Belgium officially exists. The Board is as follows:

- President: Bernardo Innocenti
- Vice-President: Emmanuel Thienpont
- Treasurer: Geert Peersman
- Secretary: Olivier Cartiaux
- Scientific Meeting Coordinator: Jan Victor
- Members at large: Raf De Vloo, Luc Labey, Lennart Scheys, Bart Stuyts, David Zorman

The purpose of CAOS-Belgium, as a non-profit making association, **is to bring together surgeons, engineers and scientists** in Belgium who indicate interest in CAOS by their contributions and activities in the areas of research, clinical study and clinical use.

CAOS-Belgium aims **to promote a new partnership** between surgeons, engineers and scientists as a necessary basis for the successful integration of computer assisted surgical tools and techniques into the daily clinical routine at different stages, including **preoperative** planning and simulation, **intraoperative** execution, and **postoperative** evaluation of orthopaedic surgical procedures.

CAOS-Belgium initially proposes to accomplish these goals by holding annual meetings as well as scientific sessions during the annual Orthopaedica Belgica meetings.

If you are interested in joining CAOS-Belgium, please apply in writing to the Secretary (caosbelgiumsecretariat@gmail.com). Annual payment of subscriptions to the bank account of CAOS-Belgium is required. The membership fees for the year 2016 are as follows. Employees of a company specialized in the field of CAOS can join CAOS-Belgium as industrial members. Only active members have voting rights and are eligible to the Board.

- Active member : €50.00
- Industrial member : €200.00
- Student member : €25.00

CAOS-Belgium needs surgeons, engineers and scientists from all backgrounds to broadly extend the use, and rigorously investigate the added-value, of the CAOS technologies to all bones and joints.

We look forward to your mutual interest and participation,

The CAOS-Belgium Board