

MAX TRAIN

RESOURCE FOR THE COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS IN CRANIO-MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY OF EACMFS.

WHAT IS MAX TRAIN?

Achieving universal access to surgery (including oral and craniomaxillofacial surgery) for all human beings is one of the Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN for 2030, and this requires the cooperation, among many others, of the entire global Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery community and our professional organizations.

Many Oral and Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons in Europe are promoting or collaborating in International Cooperation projects in LMICs (Low and Medium Income Countries).

The Executive and Council of EACMFS have approved the creation of a structure for the impulse, support and coordination of these projects. Members of EACMFS would participate targeting the following objectives:

- Connect all surgeons committed to cooperation projects. Facilitate the networking, exchange of information and experiences
- Provide visibility to these projects. Spread the importance of solidarity and cooperation for development
- Facilitate the creation and development of new projects
- Facilitate the search for and identify volunteers for projects
- Facilitate access to sources of funding or support for projects
- Advise on the design and evaluation of international cooperation projects in Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery
- Identify Centres in Europe that could provide free treatment for patients with complex pathologies that cannot be operated in their countries of origin and can be transferred for treatment
- Promote training and exchange programmes in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery in developing countries
- Provide overseas opportunities for European trainees in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery
- Identify centres in Europe where trainee surgeons from LMICs could gain experience
- Collaborate with regional or local OMFS associations in training or healthcare projects

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PROJECTS OF INTEREST

- Future Faces. Craniofacial Center Nepal: <https://www.futurefaces.org.uk>
- Mercy Ships: <https://www.mercyships.org>

- Nadjmi Foundation: <https://www.nadjmifoundation.org>
- Smile House Italia
- Mobile Surgery International Oaxaca: <https://mobilesurgery.international>
- GSR Institute of Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Hyderabad:
<http://www.craniofacialinstitute.org>
- Multidisciplinary Unit for Cranio-Maxillo Facial Anomalies at Bugando Medical Centre, Mwanza, Tanzania.

MAX TRAIN NEWS

- **EACMFS approved two scholarships for OMFS trainees or young surgeons from Nepal.**

In 2020 EACMFS signed a MoU with the NGO Future Faces, and as part of it approved two scholarships for the training of at least two local Nepali surgeons (not necessarily at the same time) calculated between 6.000-12.000€, covering:

- Travel and accommodation and subsistence for two Nepalese surgeons to Europe for a one-month period (or more if possible)
- Travel and accommodation subsistence for two European surgeons to Nepal for a two-week period

The SARS-Cov-2 pandemic has delayed the start-up of this program, which will benefit a region of Nepal with few maxillofacial surgery services.

MAX TRAIN LINKS TO RESOURCES OF INTEREST

<http://www.esprashare.org/>
<https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/oral-and-maxillofacial-surgery/2019-20/mxn01/>
<http://www.northernleftfoundation.co.uk/our-story/our-team/>
<https://davidnottfoundation.com/>
<https://omsfoundation.org/>
<https://www.theg4alliance.org/>
<https://www.futurefaces.org.uk>
<https://www.mercyships.org>
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