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Announcements

Dear members,

The Congress at a glance

Our next Congress is less than 100 days away! Winter time has been used to collect, review, classify, and allot abstracts into oral presentations and e-poster sessions. We are very enthusiastic about the number and quality of submitted contributions. In total, 667 abstracts have been submitted by November 1st. Each of the abstracts has been reviewed blindly by three reviewers, all of who are members of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES), and mostly committee members of sections or delegates of member societies. In total, 352 oral presentations and 216 e-posters have been accepted and will find their place in the scientific program. The acceptance rate is 85%. This high number means that surgeons and residents from all member societies and individual members from Europe and all other continents will be given a chance to present their clinical and experimental work in the different fields of traumatology and emergency surgery.

The three Congress days will be packed full of scientific activities. Instructional lecture courses, guest symposia, oral presentation, and e-poster sessions will be organized in seven different rooms. In the main hall, instructional lecture courses with invited speakers only will cover the main topics of our Congress. Oral presentations will take place in four parallel rooms. They will be introduced by a keynote speaker, who is also the chairman of the session. There will be 22 sessions on skeletal trauma, six sessions on research, four on emergency surgery, four on education, three on visceral trauma, three on disaster and military surgery, and two on monitoring and telemedicine. In a sixth room, e-poster presentations of 3 min each will be followed by a short discussion.

We are grateful that another 15 non-member societies will present guest symposia at our Congress. The symposium is set up as an instructional lecture course. Five speakers, who are invited by the Guest Society, will deal with a specific topic of their choice. The Royal Belgian Society of Surgery, the Belgian Orthopaedic Trauma Society, and the Belgian Group of Endoscopic Surgery will be among them. The AO Foundation will be represented by the Pelvic Expert Group, the Upper Extremity

Expert Group, the Minimally Invasive Osteosynthesis Expert Group, and the Intramedullary Nailing Working Group. Moreover, the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT), the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedic Sports Traumatology (EFOST), the Küntschler Society, ATLS Europe, and the German Association for Osteology will have their own symposia.

This makes the Congress a compilation of knowledge and dedication to trauma and emergency surgery. Without including the speakers of the opening ceremony and two star speakers, we will have a total of 687 scientific communications! A superb event not to forget or miss!

Other business

Besides preparation of the Congress, the executive board is working on further consolidation and growth of our Society. On February 19th and 20th, the next executive board meeting will take place in Mainz, Germany. On February 19th, the editorial board of the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery will also meet. Important points to discuss are the membership of the Turkish Society of Orthopedics and Traumatology, the relationship of the ESTES with ATLS Europe, with the European Trauma Course (ETC), and with the AAOS, trauma and emergency fellowships within our Society, a structure for young surgeons, and the election of honorary members.

Dear members, you can read and feel that a lot is going on in our Society. With your membership, your presence at our Congress, and your active input in the Sections of the ESTES, you help develop the ESTES into the unique European organization furthering the harmonization of training and quality of care in trauma and emergency surgery. We are looking forward to seeing you in Brussels!

Sincerely yours,

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