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Message from the Vice-President

ESTES needs now a Foundation to face a public health challenge

Dear ESTES friends,

Next May in Bucharest will be the 10th anniversary of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery which was founded in Graz on 25 May 2007 by the merger of the European Association for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (EATES) and the European Trauma Society (ETS).

Looking back, so much has been achieved making ESTES the largest surgical organization in Europe. ESTES bylaws have been adapted in order to gain efficiency in governance. The European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (EJTES) has, at last, been indexed in PubMed® and its impact factor is increasing every year. The *Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes* (UEMS) recognizes ESTES as a scientific partner and two European Board examinations are organized at our annual congress giving European recognized specialization diplomas (FEBS trauma and FEBS emergency surgery). Very successful courses are organized by ESTES alone (Modular UltraSound ESTES course – MUSEC) or in association with other European Societies (such as the European Trauma Course). ESTES and the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) are collaborating in the imminent launch of the Emergency Surgery Course (ESC).

The integration of Trauma and Emergency Surgery desired by Otmar Trentz, Sten Lennquist, and others has resulted in a very successful concept. Trauma and Emergency Surgery is not only a brilliant idea – it is a public health challenge. Every year, Europe experiences 151,000 deaths from trauma and 7 million trauma patients require hospitalization (i). In the USA, 1.2% of people are hospitalized each year for emergency general surgery and the rate in Europe is probably similar (ii). From these data, we can assume that, on average, everyone will be hospitalized at least once in his/her life either as a result of trauma or requiring emergency surgery. Survival, length of hospital stay, time to recovery, and severity of complications are directly related to the quality of care. This public health issue concerns every single individual in Europe.

For Europe, we need data (registries), prevention campaigns, education, organization and networking, integration of different specialists and professionals (team work), research, improvement of quality of care, new equipment in hospitals, and information for public policy and governments. The threat of terrorist attacks in Europe renders these requirements even more obvious.

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ESTES, through its Sections, education committee, and institutional members has the most developed network in Europe for Trauma and Emergency Surgery and the most recognized specialists in the field covering all aspects and territories. Our individual members have competences, commitment, and will. Now is the time to widen the spectrum of ESTES goals and that implies an increased financial capacity.

One way to do that is to organize fundraising through a Foundation and this is currently being explored by the Executive Board. Individuals and companies (banks, insurers, and industry – both medical and nonmedical) could be solicited to donate to the foundation and finance projects. Donating to a foundation provides significant tax reductions and donors could advertise that they donate to the ESTES foundation. The foundation could not only raise the funds needed to develop ESTES projects but also increase ESTES visibility. The ESTES Advisory Council and the General Assembly will, of course, be involved as this process develops.

The money collected through the Foundation could finance grants for young doctors to attend ECTES and courses, grants for fellowships in trauma and emergency surgery, grants to write European guidelines, support for implementation and administration of courses, E-learning platforms for courses and grand rounds, training to European Board examinations (trauma surgery, emergency surgery), support to provide open access articles (EJTES), CME tracks at ECTES (travel, accommodation, and rental of rooms) to guarantee total independence from industry, prevention campaigns (Stop the bleeding...), support to research, support to registries, support for accreditation of trauma and emergency surgery departments, simulation centers for the integrated approach of trauma and emergency surgical care, support to implement new technologies in hospitals (hybrid OR, telemedicine...), and many other projects.

In order to start up the project of a foundation we would need the support of ESTES members or strong recommendations by ESTES members to potential donors. Please feel free to contact me in this respect now or in Bucharest.

2017 is the 10th anniversary of ESTES... Why not celebrate 10 years of the ESTES Foundation in 2027?

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ESTES Vice-President

- i http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Accidents_and_injuries_statistics&oldid=261655 accessed 25 February 2017.
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Register in advance and save up to 30% on registration fees!

In only a few weeks **ECTES 2017**, which will take place from May 7–9, 2017 in Bucharest, Romania, will open its doors to participants! **Register now and save up to 30%** on the congress registration fee (registration and payment deadline: April 21, 2017). For registration, please visit the congress website <http://www.estesonline.org/registration/>

A 3-Day Scientific Programme and Pre-Congress Courses!

Meet colleagues from more than 80 countries and expand your knowledge by attending this year's ECTES congress.

Download the **Scientific Programme** and find more information about the **Pre-Congress Courses** directly on the congress website!

Do not lose time—book your **accommodation** for ECTES 2017 during the online registration process with our local housing partner, at the best rates and conditions!

For online registration and detailed information, please visit the congress website:
<http://www.estesonline.org/estes-congress-2017/>

We look forward to welcoming you to Bucharest!

Sincerely,

ECTES 2017 Organizing Team

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EBSQ Emergency Surgery Examination

European Board Examination in Emergency Surgery in association with the ESTES Meeting 2017 in Bucharest

Time: Friday, May 5, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Venue: Bucharest School of Medicine, Bulevardul Eroii Sanitari 8, Bucharest 050474.

Further details and application at: <https://www.uemssurg.org/divisions/emergency-surgery/ebqsq>

EBSQ Trauma Surgery Examination

European Board Examination Trauma Surgery during ESTES Meeting 2017 in Bucharest.

Time: Monday, May 8, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Venue: Bucharest International Conference Center, Palace of the Parliament

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Application form:

[www.uemssurg.org/Divisions/Trauma Surgery/EBSQ Examination](http://www.uemssurg.org/Divisions/Trauma%20Surgery/EBSQ%20Examination)

Examination fee: **special congress fee 200€ instead of 700€** normally for trainees from east European countries especially Romania.

ECTES 2017 – Pre-Congress Courses now available

Take the chance and REGISTER NOW!

For information on the ECMI course, please visit <http://www.estesonline.org/ecmi-course/>

For information on the Polytrauma Course, please visit <http://www.estesonline.org/polytrauma-course/>

For information on the MUSEC Course, please visit <http://www.estesonline.org/5907-2/>

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Bucharest and remain with best wishes!



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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

EBSQ Examination in Emergency Surgery

Bucharest, Romania

May 5, 2017

EBSQ Examination in Trauma Surgery

Bucharest, Romania

May 7, 2017

ECTES 2017 – 18th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery

Bucharest, Romania

May 7–9, 2017

8th World Congress of the Abdominal Compartment Society

Banff, Alberta, Canada

June 15–18, 2017

Workshop on Visceral Trauma – Definitive Surgery for Trauma Care

Graz, Austria

September 25–26, 2017

53. Jahrestagung der ÖGU

Salzburg, Austria

October 5–7, 2017

VI International Congress of the Polish Emergency Medicine Society

Lublin, Poland

October 18–21, 2017

DKOU 2017

Berlin, Germany

October 24–27, 2017

<http://2017.dkou.org/>

More congresses and courses to be found in the **ESTES events calendar** at

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