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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I would like to update you on the positive development of the Journal of ESTES, the European Journal for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (EJTES). Following the listing of the journal in PubMed/MEDLINE last year, there was a tremendous increase in visibility, which can be recognized by the fact that the number of downloaded articles has almost doubled—as shown in Fig. 1, more articles were downloaded in the first six months of 2016 than in the entire year 2015! This demonstrates, that the publications of the journal and therefore of many members of ESTES are of high relevance for the field of trauma and emergency surgery.

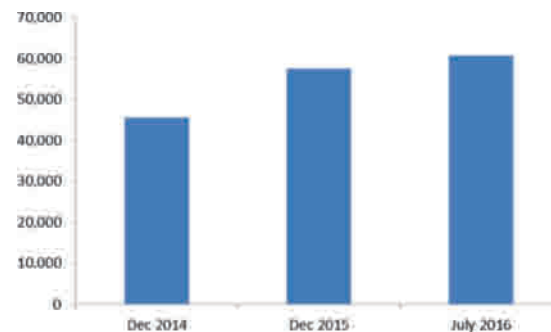


Fig. 1. Number of EJTES full-text article downloads, 2014-2016

The other main issue is the impact factor by Thomson Reuters ISI. As you know, the impact factor judges the articles cited the two years prior to the calculation, but the publication is another year later. So the impact factor 2015, which is published in 2016, was calculated taking into account the articles published in 2013 and 2014, cited in 2015. As we have been listed in MEDLINE since 2015, the MEDLINE listing has not yet had an effect on our impact factor. Despite this fact, our impact factor has already increased to 0.473 in 2015! Thus, continuous publications and citing in the field of trauma and emergency surgery and considering in any journal our valuable publications published in the EJTES will most likely lead to a substantial rise of the impact factor from 2017 and 2018 on!

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In this respect, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all individuals who have contributed to the performance of EJTES. In particular, I would like to thank all authors for their submissions, all members of the Editorial Board, the guest editors of the Focus On issues, and external reviewers for their valuable reviews. In particular, I would like to thank the Editors Ari Leppäniemi, Pol Rommens, Johannes Rueger, and Fernando Turégano for their very hard work and commitment over the year! Looking at the increasing number of submissions, requiring in part several revision rounds and decisions, I am very grateful to work so closely together over the years handling all manuscripts. As shown in Table 1, the strong increase in the number of submissions of original papers is impressive.

Table 1. Number of submissions and rejection rates for 2014–2016

Year	No. of submissions (Original articles)	Rejection rate (Original articles)
2014	254	72%
2015	355	74%
2016	420 <sup>*a</sup>	78%

<sup>\*a</sup>estimated total number; until the end of September 2016, there were 315 original submissions registered

Moreover, the cooperation with Springer Nature and in particular Ms. Beate Hienz, publishing editor of EJTES, is very efficient together with Thomas Lustenberger managing all Focus On issues and much more.

Please feel free to check both the EJTES home page at Springer ([www.ejtes.springer.de](http://www.ejtes.springer.de); please subscribe to the Table of Content alert to receive an e-mail as soon as a new issue is published online!) and the ESTES — EJTES homepage ([www.estesonline.org](http://www.estesonline.org)) to find important papers in the many fields of our society. And, please let me know if you have ideas or concepts for future Focus On topics or if you would like to be more actively involved as a reviewer or on the board.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas, a healthy and happy new year, and I am looking forward to further intensive cooperation.

With best regards,  
Prof. Dr. Ingo Marzi

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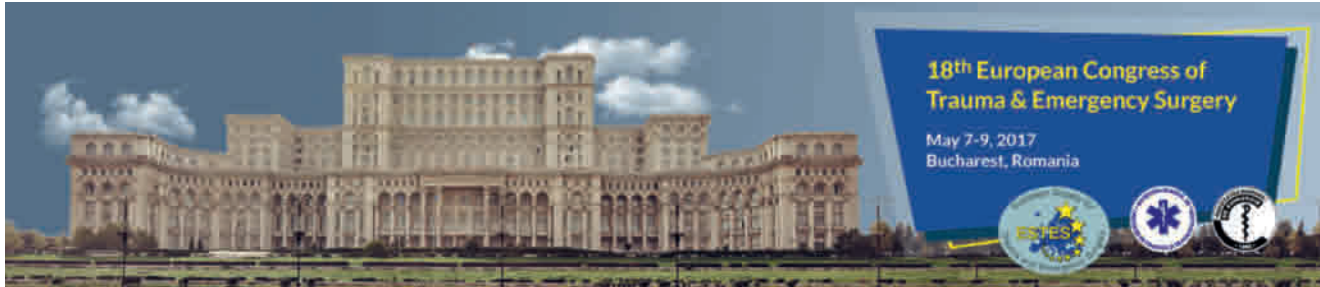
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Dear Colleagues,

Scientific and organizational preparations for the 18th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery are in full swing.

The motto of this meeting is “Give and take – share your experience” and covers a wide variety of topics such as Damage Control Principles, Acute Care Surgery, Peritonitis, Management of Colonic Obstruction, Vascular Injuries, Acute Management of Pancreatic Injury and Disease, Polytrauma, Trauma Systems, Collective Burn Injuries, Multiple Fractures, Pelvic Injury and many others. Colleagues from all over the world will attend and share their knowledge about prevention and caring for trauma and emergency care patients.

Almost 90 % of ECTES 2016 participants stated that this years’ congress contributed to their professional learning and development. Visit <http://www.estesonline.org> and check-out the preliminary scientific programme of ECTES 2017.

Do not miss the opportunity to participate in the 18th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery in Bucharest and mark the following dates in your calendar:

**Start Online Registration:** Monday, November 28, 2016  
**Early Bird Registration Deadline:** Friday, February 17, 2017  
**ECTES 2017:** Sunday, May 7 – Tuesday, May 9, 2016

90% of ECTES 2016 participants would recommend to attend ECTES 2017 – be part of it!

I look forward to meeting you in Bucharest.

Sincerely,

Mircea Beuran  
ECTES 2017 President

Bogdan Diaconescu  
ECTES 2017 Co-Chairman

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## Register NOW for the ECTES 2017!

Benefit from the **Early Bird Registration Fees\*** that runs **until February 17, 2017** and save up to 80 Euros! To get to the online registration platform, please visit the congress website [www.estesonline.org/registration](http://www.estesonline.org/registration).

*\* Please note that the day of payment is decisive for the registration fee, not the day of registration.*

EARLY REGISTRATION FEES	
Individual Member ESTES	EUR 370
Institutional Member ESTES	EUR 400
Member ESTES Resident	EUR 180
Non-Member	EUR 475
Non-Member Resident	EUR 265
Nursing Staff	EUR 180
Student	EUR 90
Day Ticket (only 1 day)	EUR 225

**Early Bird Fee**  
**Save up to 80 Euros**  
 till February 17, 2017

### A scientific programme tailored to your needs!

Besides scientific sessions, the programme will also feature Satellite Symposia and pre-courses. To get a first impression of what ECTES 2017 in Bucharest has to offer, please take a look here [www.estesonline.org/scientific-programme](http://www.estesonline.org/scientific-programme).

**We look forward to welcoming you to the 18<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery from May 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Bucharest!**

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### Report of ESTES Congress Grant Winner Ashley Startzman



It was truly an honor to have been selected to receive an ESTES Congress Grant. Currently, I am half way through completing my Orthopedic Surgery Residency. My hospital training institution is located at a Level 1 Trauma Center in metropolitan south Florida. Our city is diverse, with a multitude of traumatic injuries that occur daily. My training and background have instilled in me a passion for Trauma and Emergency Surgery, and specifically Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery. Following the conclusion of my residency training, I am pursuing a fellowship in Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery.

My research efforts over the last several years yielded an acceptance for both an oral and poster presentation on two abstracts at the ESTES meeting in Vienna, Austria. It was a privilege to present a podium presentation on pediatric hip dislocation among the esteemed physicians and researchers at this meeting. Further, I also exhibited a poster presentation discussing flexible nailing for management of pediatric supracondylar humerus fractures. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to share the work of my research colleagues with the members of ESTES. The multitude of high quality poster presentations available for viewing was impressive.

Attending the ESTES meeting was a valuable educational experience unlike any opportunity offered thus far in my training. The ability to come together in collegiate fellowship to discuss trauma and emergency surgery at an international level was edifying. The flag ceremony was particularly impressive. The number of nations in attendance at this conference was moving. The attendees all coming together for one purpose—to treat our patients with the best medical and surgical practices possible—was inspiring.

In particular, the discussion on the history of the intramedullary nail was quite thought provoking. The chance to learn about the intramedullary nail's history in the city of Vienna, where a large part of orthopedic surgical history lies, was especially unique. I appreciated the opportunity to hear many discussions on different operative techniques of fractures. The tips and techniques discussed, as well as the differences and similarities to practices conducted in my own training program, will be used in my daily surgical practice.

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I also appreciated the ability to visit the beautiful city of Vienna, Austria. Vienna is a city rich in history, and the people are friendly and welcoming. Attending this ECTES course was a special opportunity that I am thankful for. I will share the wealth of knowledge I obtained with my colleagues and mentors, and will continue to apply this knowledge throughout my career as an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Sincerely,

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### Report of ESTES Congress Grant Winner Etienne St-Louis



I had the pleasure and honour of attending the 17th Annual European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery in Vienna, Austria. This was made possible through a very generous Congress Grant sponsored by the Austrian Society for Trauma Surgery. In the wake of recent tragic and senseless terrorist attacks in Belgium, Paris, and Turkey, I found it moving to witness the flag ceremony at the opening proceedings of this conference. In the midst of a migration crisis, we are confronted with profound questions of identity and humanity. This ceremony was a testament not only to the success and growth of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery, it also underlined a strong commitment to the organization's openness and desire to demonstrate leadership in the field of disaster response, mass casualty trauma preparedness and critical medical infrastructure security planning. The conference warmly welcomed not only its subsidiary European, Israeli and Cyprian trauma and surgical societies, but also a wide representation of foreign attendees from North -America, the Middle -East, South -East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

In his welcoming remarks, the current President of ESTES, Professor Hans-Christoph Pape made compelling comments about the future challenges we face in overcoming the evolving threat of terrorism and the unsettling trend indicated by recent targeted attacks on health-care infrastructures, which promote Health, a fundamental human right, and whose activities are imperative to the well-being of a free and fair democratic society.

The theme of the 2016 Congress was "Myths & Truths". It is a rare and welcome opportunity for a trainee such as myself to hear so many experts from all over the world discuss the most controversial topics in trauma and emergency surgery and the findings from their cutting edge research. It is a rich learning environment with an impressive diversity of topics covered under the program's five sections, including Disaster and Military Surgery, Emergency Surgery, Polytrauma, Skeletal Trauma and Sports Medicine, as well as Visceral Trauma. All of the sessions I attended, including the free paper session in which I was invited to present my research on pediatric trauma sores in low-resource settings, were moderated by attentive experts who led engaging discussions, asked probing questions and shared their insightful comments.

In addition, the event was very well organized and the venue was excellent. All these elements, set in the extraordinary city of Vienna—which, quite frankly, speaks for itself—made for an unforgettable experience!

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I am very much looking forward to coming back next year at the 18th congress slated for May 7–9, 2017, in Bucharest Romania, where I hope to have more opportunities to share and learn new knowledge and network with colleagues from all over the world.

Etienne St-Louis  
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### DO YOU ALSO WANT TO BE CONGRESS GRANT WINNER?

Are you going to attend the 18th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery taking place in Bucharest, Romania (May 7–9, 2017)?

Would you like to win a travel grant of EUR 1,000?

Do you fulfill the criteria?

If your answer to all questions above is „Yes“, seize this chance and apply now!

The prerequisites are:

- Age below 35 (date of congress is decisive)
- Specialist or Specialist-in-Training in Trauma and Emergency Surgery
- Submission and presentation of an accepted abstract
- Documented scientific activities
- Submission of the required documents (letter of intent, CV, list of publications, letter of recommendation)
- Short written report about the congress after the event
- Individual member of ESTES or intention to become an individual member of ESTES

The application form can be downloaded on the ESTES website (Education).

To apply for a grant, please return the filled-out application form and all required documents to the ESTES Administrative Office:

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Application Deadline: **Friday, January 20, 2017**

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### Announcements

#### Upcoming related congresses & courses

##### **DKOU 2016**

Berlin, Germany

October 24–27, 2017

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

##### **5th Croatian Trauma Congress 2017**

Zagreb, Croatia

March 23–25, 2017

<http://trauma2017.com/en/homepage/>

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