**History:**
Founding year: 1965
Founding members / important persons:
On the occasion of the 80th birthday of Prof. Dr. Lorenz Böhler the Austrian Society for Trauma Surgery was established in 1965.
Founding persons and responsible for the organisation/constitution of the young society:
Prim.i.R. Univ.-Doz. Dr. Heinz Kuderna, Dr. Erich Jonasch.
Prof. Dr. Jörg Böhler continued the work of his father.

**Aims of the society:**
I To promote and advance the specialty of trauma surgery and the related fields of sports traumatology and trauma critical care
II To promote the acquisition and dissemination of specialized scientific knowledge
III To promote continuing education and training
IV To represent members of the Society in all policy issues relating to the specialty
V To promote contacts among members of the Society and with members of similar societies in other countries

**Development throughout the years:**
An annual meeting has been organised every year since the foundation of the Society in 1965. The ÖGU nowadays does lobbying and PR and works together with a professional PR-agency.

**Members:**
a) Ordinary members can be: Specialists in trauma surgery, doctors in training for a specialist in trauma surgery, persons who deal with topics in trauma surgery.
b) Supporting members can be: Persons who contribute to the support of the Society.
The number of members gradually has grown during the years.
Current number of members: 1.700

**Milestones:**
1994: Institution of the related field of sports traumatology
2008: Institution of the related field of trauma critical care
2009: 100 years of trauma surgery in Austria

**Activities:**
Annual congress of the ÖGU of about 600 participants in Salzburg, Austria
Three possibilities of continuing education per year in Vienna, Austria

**Official publication:**
Journal “JATROS Orthopädie & Traumatologie Rheumatologie”
Published six times per year

**Website:**
www.unfallchirurgen.at

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