History:
Founded 1912 in Bern, Switzerland. 1st president: PD Dr. med. Constantin Kaufmann. Further presidents (among others): Prof. Dr. Fritz Zollinger, Prof. Dr. Maurice Müller, PD Dr. Urs Heim, Prof. Dr. Peter Matter, Prof. Dr. Otmar Trentz, Prof. Dr. Reto Babst, PD Dr. Thomas Ilchmann… interdisciplinary association of general surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, members of insurance companies and institutions with focus on trauma care and rehabilitation. 100 year old society (one of the oldest in Switzerland).

Members:
ordinary members, „free“ members, extraordinary members, corresponding members, honorary members. Number of members throughout the years around 350. Prerequisites for joining: Interest in trauma care, 2 parrains being members of the society.

The SGTV is not a „Fachgesellschaft“ but an interdisciplinary society.

Organizing society (together with the Swiss Society for general surgery and traumatology) of the yearly Bieler Fortbildungstage and associate society (among others) of the Congress of the Swiss Society for Surgery. Organizes multiple trauma courses in Switzerland in collaboration with Didavis every year. Organizing society (together with the SGACT) of the ESTES Congress 2012 in Basel.

Official publication organ:
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Website:
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Name of the national delegate:
PD Dr. Dominik Heim

Basel, located in Switzerland’s German-speaking region, lies on the banks of the River Rhine, in close proximity to Germany and France. Capital of the Basel-Stadt canton, it is Switzerland’s second important business centre and its third most populous city (180'000 inhabitants). Basel is home to one of Europe’s oldest universities as well as an innovative University of Applied Sciences.

A small city of global format, Basel is one of Europe’s cultural centres, witnessed by the fact that it hosts the ‘Art Basel’, the world’s leading contemporary art fair. Almost 40 museums, among them the ‘Kunstmuseum’ (housing the world’s oldest public art collection), the ‘Fondation Beyeler’, the ‘Museum Tinguely’ and the ‘Pharmacy Museum’ as well as numerous theatres, cinemas and galleries all contribute to the city’s rich cultural life.

Basel’s centre, best explored on foot, offers many landmarks, e.g. the 14th century Cathedral as well as the ‘Spalentor’, one of three remaining city gates that were originally part of the city’s fortification.

Contemporary buildings designed by internationally renowned architects such as Frank O. Gehry, Zaha Hadid, Herzog & de Meuron and Renzo Piano provide a startling contrast to the Old Town.

Characterised by its cosmopolitan attitude and savoir vivre, Basel offers numerous leisure opportunities and recreational facilities – its high quality of life is appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

See you in Basel!