Press release

New dual leadership at the German Society for Orthopaedics and Trauma

Berlin, 7 January 2015: Prof. Michael Nerlich (61) from Regensburg is the new President of the German Society for Orthopaedics and Trauma e.V. (DGOU). Nerlich is Director of the Department for Trauma Surgery at University Hospital Regensburg. Prof. Rüdiger Krauspe (61) is the Vice President of the DGOU. Krauspe is Director of the Department for Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery at University Hospital Düsseldorf. The DGOU general assembly elected Nerlich and Krauspe as the society’s new President and Vice-President in October 2014. Their tenure runs from 1 January to 31 December 2015.

Nerlich and Krauspe are presidents of their parent societies – Nerlich is also President of the German Trauma Society e.V. (DGU) and Krauspe is President of the Germany Society for Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery e.V. (DGOOC).

In assuming their roles, Nerlich and Krauspe also become presidents of the German Congress on Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery (DKOU), which will be held in Berlin from 20th - 23rd October 2015 under the motto “Beyond the Horizon”. The motto reflects a congress programme that focuses on a wide range of subjects, from the surgical treatment of orthopaedic disorders and trauma surgery to the prevention of injuries and disorders of the musculoskeletal system. “The important thing for us orthopaedic and trauma surgeons is a holistic approach to caring for our patients,” says Nerlich. “Care begins with prevention and finishes with reintegration into their normal social environment.” Three of the key subjects at the congress are therefore: “Prevention from top to toe”, “Regeneration before repair and replacement”, and “Mobility and independence in old age”. Further key areas include “Orthopaedics and trauma in growing children”, “Arthroplasty and revision arthroplasty”, and “Spinal disorders and injuries”.

“Beyond the Horizon” also refers to the international networking the organisation carries out in order to learn what knowledge European colleagues possess. “We want to pass on our own good ideas, but also to learn from others,” says Krauspe. “In times when the half-life of medical knowledge is just five years, it is now more important than ever to network internationally, in order to be able to practically implement the best scientific knowledge as quickly as possible.” The congress presidents have invited Turkey as guest nation at this year’s event.

Nerlich studied human medicine at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. After receiving his licence to practice medicine (1978) and finishing his doctorate (1979), he completed specialist medical training in surgery at Hannover Medical School with a period as a guest student at the University of California, Davis. Habilitation and venia legendi for trauma surgery followed in 1987. In 1992, Nerlich was appointed professor for trauma surgery at the University of Regensburg. He became head of the Department for Trauma Surgery at Regensburg University Medical Center and was later made Director of the Department for Trauma Surgery. He has also been Director of the Trauma Surgery at Caritas Hospital St. Joseph in Regensburg since July 2012.

Krauspe studied at the University of Kiel. After receiving his licence to practice medicine (1980) and finishing his doctorate (1983), he went on to complete advanced training in pathology and surgery, plus advanced medical training in orthopaedics in Stuttgart. He is a specialist in orthopaedics and
trauma surgery and has acquired the following additional approbations: specialised orthopaedic surgery, paediatric orthopaedics and sports medicine. His habilitation in orthopaedics was in 1993, followed by venia legendi in 1994. Krauspe was awarded a C-3 professorship at the University of Würzburg in 1996. Since 1999 is Director of the Department for Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery C-4 professor at the University of Düsseldorf.

Further information
www.dgou.de/en/home.html
www.dkou.org/2015/international/home.html

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Important dates:
20-23 October 2015: German Congress on Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery (DKOU)
Deadline for internet submission of abstracts for DKOU: 15 January 2015
http://ic.abstracts-online.de/dkou15/submission/en/home.html

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