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## Message from the President

### Dear members and readers,

First of all I am proud of our successful congress in Prague. Following our congress slogan “Sharing Knowledge—Improving Trauma Care” we prepared an exciting programme that enhanced international exchange and interdisciplinary approach. Prague, as the Golden City, provided a unique and unforgettable ambience.

Previous ECTES congresses raised growing international interest; this year we could welcome more than 1000 participants from 63 countries. The number of submitted abstracts remained high. The latest diagnostic and therapeutic approaches in trauma and emergency surgery were discussed during several sessions.

As in the past years we hosted several guest symposia, including two joint sessions with our guest nation Japan. I would like to give my warmest thanks to our Japanese colleagues for this close scientific and professional cooperation including more than 90 submitted abstracts.

We received a lot of positive feedback from the participants, speakers, and industrial partners and we hope to continue with an active participation for the next congress in Oslo 2020.

Prof. Christoph Josten  
Past President  
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### Minutes – Skeletal Trauma and Sports Injuries Section Meeting

Prague, May 6, 7:30–8:30

Clarion Congress Hotel Prague, Room Leo & Virgo

#### Agenda (prepared by the section's Chair R. Komadina and Vice chair R. Kdolsky):

1. Report 2018–2019 (R. Komadina)
2. ESTES recommendations on cervical/thoracolumbar spinal fractures and on foot and ankle (R. Komadina, R. Kdolsky)
3. ECTES 2020 topics proposals (R. Kdolsky, J. Verbruggen)
4. Elections for section chair and vice chair 2019–2021 (proposal R. Kdolsky and J. Verbruggen)
5. Social Media Committee fellow, Educational Committee Section's delegate
6. Other business

Ad.1 in summary: Section's meeting during ECTES in May 2018; June, July proposals for congress topics 2019; July visit to Croatia (an attempt to make ESTES SE European regional meeting, not successful up to now, new opportunity during Ljubljana congress in 2021); August final meeting on congress proposals 2019 in Vienna; September, October finalization of recommendations on proximal humeral fracture treatment; November EAC meeting in Ljubljana; December Davos EAC of major fractures in polytrauma; March Polytrauma section meeting in Frankfurt for EAC fracture treatment; participating at WebEx EAC conferences; looking for Social Media Committee Fellow.

Ad.2 new task forces for ESTES' recommendations for ThL spinal fractures, for cervical spinal fractures, for foot and ankle injuries, methodology similar to previous working groups for hip and shoulder («respecting the weakest link in European chain»)

Ad.3 ECTES 2020 topics proposals should be identified at the end of May by the Section's chair and vice chair. The process of topic identification should be accelerated in contrast to current praxis. Pediatric issues should be incorporated in all sections' proposals. Topics named during the meeting: ankle sprain, bone defects and infections. Case discussions and state of the art sessions (e.g., standards in fracture care) should be emphasized.

Ad.4 R. Komadina is candidate for ESTES president elect at the General Assembly on May 6th, new section chair must be elected. Richard Kdolsky is elected with no votes against. Jan Verbruggen is elected for Section's vice chair with no votes against. Congratulations!

Ad.5 Klaus Wendt found an appropriate candidate for the Skeletal Trauma Section Fellow in Social Media Committee, he will be named at the General Assembly. Andrej Čretnik (Slovenian Society of Trauma Surgeons) is the second representative of the Skeletal Trauma Section in the Educational Committee ESTES.

Ad.6 No other business

Section meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Radko Komadina



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### Minutes – Emergency Surgery Section Meeting

Prague, Monday, May 6, 12:45–13:50

Attendance: 23

Chair: Andreas Shamiyeh (AS)

Members present: Hayato Kurihara, Mauro Zago, Selman Uranüs, Beat Schnüriger, Shahin Mosheni, Mihai Padurarau, Stefan Schulz-Drost, Gary Bass, Martina Ceolin, Isidro Martinez, Aitor, Landaluce Olavarria, Luca Ponchiotti, Rifat Latifi, Michael Sugrue, Henrique Alexandrino, Carlos Mesquita, Raftopoulos Antonios, Christos Farazi-Chongouki, Marianne Vinbaer, Ana Gonzales Castillo, Andrei Mihailescu, Filipa Taré, Alan Biloslavo

#### Agenda:

Opening: AS opened the meeting and excused the absence of Jorge Pereira (Vice-chair)

Presentation of the actual committee member situation:

Need for a new Chairman (AS steps down due to the end of his second period)

Need for one new committee member: Peter Hansen's tenure of 3 years is over, he did not give any information to the Chairman or Co-Chair about whether he wants to do another 3 years and he is not present at the meeting. So he will be replaced.

Active members: May 2019: 521 (2018: 507, 2017:416)

Presentation of work done 2018/19:

Preparation of 14 session for ECTES 2019, 7 accepted.

AS discussed the lack of information between the local congress president and the educational committee. After delivery of the Program Proposals in May/June 2018, there was no feedback to the section.

Hayato and Mauro explained the reasons and that the interdisciplinary work will be better in the future.

Snapshot on acute complicated biliary disease presented by Gary Bass

Big applause from the group.

Presentation will follow in the session on Tuesday at 12:10.

Other Work:

MUSEC Courses (MZ)

Trauma Course Graz (SU)

1<sup>st</sup> Joint Venture Trauma Course ESTES+ AAST in Milan (HK)

Work started but not successful so far: Work on homepage – but this is actual a hot topic in the EAC.

Garry Bass is the homepage dedicated member of the ES for the Society.

Election:

Chairman:

AS proposed JP as New Chairman due to his great efforts over the last few years in the ES. AS reported that he asked JP if he would accept his election in advance.

JP was elected by open voting 23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.

Vice-chair: Shahin Mosheni and Beat Schnüriger explained their interest in advance.

Michael Sugrue brought his interest during the meeting.

All 3 of them had 5 minutes to introduce themselves.

The election was blinded using paper sheets for voting.

HK counted the votes.

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Result: Sugrue: 11, Mosheni 6, Schnüriger 5  
Michael Sugrue is the new Vice-chair.

New Section member: we have two candidates (Rifat Latifi and Andrei Mihailescu) and only one position. However, AS proposed to add 2 new members because next year 4 members have to be changed.

General acceptance.

Open vote by hand for the two candidates: Complete agreement.

AS thanked everybody for their cooperation.

Carlos M. thanked AS for his efforts and work.

Meeting adjourned.

Andreas Shamiyeh e.h.

### New Committee 2019/2010

• Chairman:	Jorge Pereira (Portugal)	2019
• Vice-chairman:	Michael Sugrue	2019
• Committee members:	Gary Bass (IR)	2017
	Shahin Mohseni (SWE)	2017
	Beat Schnüriger (SUI)	2017
	Marianne Vinbaer (DEN)	2017
	Luca Fattori (Italy)	2018
	Stefan Schulz-Drost (GER)	2018
	Andrei 'Mihailescu (UK)	2019
	Rifat Latifi (USA)	2019

### Minutes – Visceral Trauma Section Meeting

**Time and place:** 15:30–16:30, Monday May 6, Clarion Congress Hotel, Prague

#### *1. Welcome by the Chair of the VTS (Tina Gaarder)*

Short information about the history of the current VTS section, with Tina Gaarder elected as chair in 2017, and with all other section members having served more than their 2+2 years. Therefore, 8 new members were elected in 2018 after volunteering during the section meeting. Since only 8 offered to join, all were approved, and Ruben Peralta was elected vice-chair.

The current visceral trauma section members are therefore:

- Tina Gaarder (Chair), Norway
- Ruben Peralta (Vice-Chair), Qatar
- Luke Leenen, The Netherlands
- Falco Hietbrink, The Netherlands
- Paal Aksel Naess, Norway

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- Alan Biloslavo, Italy
- Diego Mariani, Italy
- Shahin Mohseni, Sweden
- Henrique Alexandrino, Portugal

The chair also stated that the section members had been active, with good representation during Webex conferences.

### 2. Attendance

A total of 25 attendees signed the list of attendance.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda had been sent to the membership in advance with an email describing activities and aims for the sections. No additional items for the agenda were added.

### 4. Membership status

The VTS membership had increased from 428 to 435, with 10 countries counting more than 10 members (see table below). There have been only minor changes since 2018.

### 5. Activities last year

- *Program ECTES 2019*: The Visceral Trauma Section developed 15 sessions and had 6 accepted on the program for Prague. Until the section meeting there was an impression of good attendance at the VTS sessions.
- *Website*: the VTS has created content published on the VTS homepage of the ESTES website.
  - *The VTS section with member information*
  - *The mission and why a VTS section is justified and needed*
  - *Guidelines—the VTS section has published links to existing relevant guidelines without evaluating them for quality and whether or not they are updated. Also, missing guidelines have not been identified yet.*
  - *Courses—the VTS section has published names and owners of relevant courses teaching how to treat severely injured patients and available in Europe. Potential gaps and quality of all courses have not been evaluated.*
- *Research/papers*
  - Three statement papers about the trauma patients needs are coming and a crude draft will be circulated to the section members.
  - The SAE RCT will be stopped due to lack of eligible patients, but a retrospective review will potentially include other centers from the VTS section.

### 6. Plans for the upcoming year—how do we produce output from the VTS?

- *Guidelines*

To evaluate existing guidelines for relevance and whether they are updated enough. *From the 2018 minutes: 'All committee members would commit themselves to take part in this work. Every guideline should be assessed by at least 2 committee members (the committee members are also free to involve others outside the committee, if they inform the committee)'*

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### - Research

The SAE RCT is well described. All members should keep in mind that the section could be a hub for this type of study, promoting ESTES in high quality trials. Ideas about thromboprophylaxis RCT was mentioned. If involving many hospitals, an RCT must be pragmatic in order to ensure compliance.

### - Surveys

Ideas for surveys are welcome, but no survey should have more than 10 questions. We have access to SurveyMonkey through ESTES. A survey must be relevant with a clear aim. Surveys intended for the whole ESTES membership can be tested on the different section members as a pilot. There is potential for cooperation with other sections.

### - Education

Relevant courses in visceral trauma listed on the website should be evaluated. (MUSEC, DSTC, ASSET, ATLS, etc.). We also need to discuss how visceral trauma competence is being secured in Europe, maybe also how we could contribute outside Europe and in cooperation with other societies.

### 7. Elections VTS committee

Tina Gaarder has served as section chair for 2 years. Based on the fact that all the other 8 section members had been on the section only one year, it was decided and approved that Tina Gaarder be re-elected for a 2-year period.

The section has acceptable geographic representation. A plan for changing some of the members in 2020 should be developed in order to secure future overlap and not have the whole section change at the same time.

### 8. Microworkshops (think tank only to tease a couple of ideas out of the meeting as an output)

- Suggestions for session topics for ECTES 2020. To be forwarded to Tina Gaarder as input to the work of the program committee.
- Suggestions for further work with guidelines/papers
- Short brief after initiation of a social media committee run by Gary Bass. The VTS member is Diego Mariani, but we are also looking for a resident level member.

### 9. Next business meeting and communication between ECTES conferences

Oslo during ECTES 2020. In the meantime, the VTS section plans to continue organizing Webex updates before the planned EAC meetings every 3 months. The VTS Chair will require feedback from the section members on progress before every Webex EAC meeting.



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### Announcements

#### Upcoming related congresses & courses

**EU RU EVTm Meeting**

June 6, 2019  
St. Petersburg, Russia

**Brazilian Congress of SBAIT**

August 23–25, 2019  
Curitiba, Brazil

**Workshop on Visceral Trauma – Definitive Surgery**

September 16–17, 2019  
Graz, Austria

**AAST 2019 Annual Meeting**

September 18–21, 2019  
Dallas/TX, United States of America

**OTA 2019 Annual Meeting**

September 25–28, 2019  
Denver/CO, United States of America

**55. Jahrestagung der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Unfallchirurgie**

October 3–5, 2019  
Salzburg, Austria

**DKOU 2019**

October 22–25, 2019  
Berlin, Germany

**Pan AM EVTm Symposium**

November 17–18, 2019  
Denver/CO, United States of America

**ECTES 2020**

Oslo, Norway  
April 26–28, 2020

**AAST 2020 Annual Meeting**

September 16–19, 2020  
Waikoloa/HI, United States of America

**DKOU 2020**

October 20–23, 2020  
Berlin, Germany

**5<sup>th</sup> World Trauma Congress**

October 26–30, 2020  
Brisbane, Australia

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

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