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Message from the President

Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

In this issue, you will find further information about ongoing and future activities of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES).

As you know, the section of disaster and military surgery is very active and holds courses throughout the year. In this issue, you will find a report on such an important Major Responses in Major Injuries (MRMI) course, which reflects training for MRMI. Having given many successful MRMI courses, Prof. Lennquist from Sweden has published as Editor a very informative and updated book on this issue. The book is now available and Prof. Luke Leenen from The Netherlands has reviewed this book for the readers of the ESTES News.

The Decade of Action for Road Safety, an activity of the WHO, is progressing and ESTES is currently evaluating the situation in Europe. In May, we will report in Basel about these results in order to discuss further activities of our society. Related to this, a symposium for the definition of polytrauma will take place in Berlin just a day prior to the ECTES Congress. This task has been discussed during recent ECTES meetings and a final statement of the contributing scientists from over the world is expected.

With respect to the quality control of polytrauma patients, currently documented by national registries if available, you were informed about an application for the founding of an European Trauma Registry last year. Unfortunately, the first application was not successful, obviously due to the fact that our idea did not match that particular program. This means that further joint steps are needed in order to reach this goal. A European-wide Trauma Registry would clearly contribute to quality improvements, would provide useful information for health authorities, and will allow scientifically controlled studies in order to further improve the care of trauma patients in Europe.

As you might have recognized, the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery's (EJTES) reputation continues to increase. Besides the structuring of the content, the FOCUS ON series is very successful and, more visibly, the cover page has changed with the year 2012 in accordance with scientific Springer International Journals. The journal is easily accessible via our internet page: <http://www.estesonline.org/>.

Lastly, the European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ECTES) in Basel is rapidly approaching. Dominik Heim and Reto Bapst as congress presidents have arranged a very interesting and up-to-date program with high quality scientific sessions by European and International speakers. Because as

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many abstracts and pre-registrations as in previous years have been submitted, it is already possible to say that the meeting is again the most important Trauma Congress in Europe this year! Please see the updated program at <http://www.estescongress2012.org/>.

Thus, we will meet in Basel during the annual meeting, the section meetings and the general assembly as well!

Sincerely yours,

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President of ESTES 2011/12

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Report on the ESTES Education Section

The NATO ASI Conference was organized in Slavonski Brod, Croatia from 27 November to 8 December 2011 under ESTES Endorsement. Many international ESTES members contributed to this event, including invited speakers on topics of Mass Casualty Planning and Response. ESTES Postgraduate course – MRMI was presented on NATO Conference by lectures and MACSIM exercise in organization of Croatian Urgent Medicine and Surgery Association members.

The NATO Handbook for Pandemic and Mass Casualty Planning and Response will be published by Springer in 2012 by the editors Elin Gursky (USA) and Boris Hreckovski (Croatia). ESTES members, being authors of many articles, have contributed to this project. The ESTES Postgraduate Course – MRMI will be presented in chapter 1 of the NATO Handbook: Expanding Capabilities through Education and Unified Systems from Pre-hospital to Hospital Care.

The MACSIM exercise for German hospitals was organized at the University Clinic in Bonn by ESTES members, instructors of MRMI course from Croatia, Germany, and Sweden, 12–14 December 2011.

The second Slovenian–Croatian MRMI Course was organized by the Slovenian Surgical Association and the Croatian Urgent Medicine and Surgery Association in Portoroz (Slovenia) from 2–4 February 2012 under ESTES endorsement with the logo: Building Bridges with Education and Training. During this MRMI course, two meetings of the ESTES Education Section were also held, during which the topics “Injury Prevention Program” and “Curriculum for Trauma and Emergency Surgeon” were discussed.

In Bonn, the first meeting of 12 partners who are involved in the DITAC project (EU FP7 program) was held from 9–11 February 2012. DITAC is a collaborative project for the development of a European training curriculum for international crisis management. Project coordinator is Philipp Fischer, the president of DITAC Scientific Board is Prof. Sten Lennquist, and institutional member of ESTES – Croatian Urgent Medicine and Surgery Association is one of the partners. Other ESTES individual members such as Prof. Radko Komadina, Andrej Strahovnik, Per Ortenwall, Bob Dobson, Amir Khorram Manesh, are also involved in the DITAC project as well as members of other partner teams.

From 29 February to 2 March 2012, the 1st Military Surgeon Expert Team Meeting under organization of NATO MILMED COE was held in Budapest. The aim was to define minimal surgical competence and skills and list existing available models for education and training of military surgeons. During the meeting, work that is done by ESTES on curriculum for Trauma and Emergency Surgeon was presented. During this meeting ESTES was represented by the members Teun van Egmond (The Netherlands), Francois Poin (France), and Boris Hreckovski (Croatia).

Finally, at the 5th International Scientific Symposium – Crisis Management Days, 24–25 May, 2012 in Croatia, the ESTES Postgraduate Course – MRMI will be presented.

Boris Hreckovski
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Report on the MRMI Textbook

The book “Medical Response to Major Incidents and Disasters – a practical guide for all medical staff” edited by the master Sten Lennquist himself summarizes the current, up-to-date knowledge on the subject. Together with the core faculty of the MRMI courses, also designed by Lennquist, a comprehensive overview is given on events that we hope to avoid and never have to experience, however should be prepared for. All man-made, natural, but also mass casualty, military, and terrorist events are detailed in the book. Apart from physical injuries, chemical, biological, and radiological incidents are also discussed.

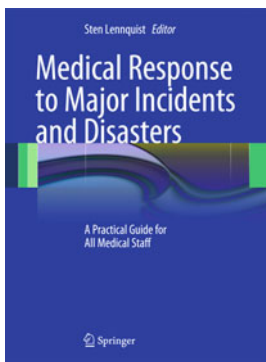
Each subject is discussed in great detail, with up-to-date information and current strategies. The book is richly illustrated and breathes the large experience of the contributors of the book. The strength of the books lies also in the emphasis on education and training, for which Lennquist and his team have earned many awards over the years.

This field in medicine is one of the most difficult subjects to evaluate. However, in this book, even research and evaluation are discussed, and it provides tools for improvement in the relief of these, hopefully only once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

The book is mainly designed to be the core curriculum content for the MRMI courses; however, it is far more than that. It should be in the library of every institution that is or can be involved in large scale events and preparedness for major incidents and disasters. As every medical doctor and nurse is potentially involved in the resolution of these events, they also should consider purchasing this wonderful book.

Lennquist and his team have to be commended for their great effort to provide us with a comprehensive work in a very difficult subject in medicine and provide us with material to prepare ourselves for the unimaginable events.

Book details:



Lennquist Sten

Medical Response to Major Incidents and Disasters – a practical guide for all medical staff

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DGOU Fellowships

I. Provisions of the DGOU-Deutsche Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie (“German Society of Orthopedics and Trauma Surgery”) Visiting Fellowship

The subject of orthopedics and trauma surgery is concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, the conservative and operative treatment, the aftercare and rehabilitation of all kinds of injuries and their consequences, as well as the congenital and acquired changes, malformations and diseases of the posture and motor organs (DGOU mission statement).

The most important responsibilities of the DGOU are optimization of patient care as well as the promotion of science and the education and further training in our subject.

II. The aims of the DGOU Visiting Fellowship

The DGOU Fellowship aims to support the clinical and scientific training, the medical education, and the scientific and clinical exchange between all European nations. The fellowship shall provide young orthopedic and trauma surgeons from all European nations with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with new techniques in the field of clinical orthopedics and trauma surgery, in science, and in the administration and organization of hospitals and clinical departments.

Another aim is both the establishment and the support of personal contacts and friendships to improve mutual understanding and cooperation throughout Europe. In addition, the fellowship shall help to mediate between local traditions, social systems and cultures, and promote their exchange.

The DGOU Visiting Fellowship wants to encourage young academics from other European countries to visit German institutions concerned with orthopedics and trauma surgery in accordance with the statutes of the DGOU.

The DGOU Visiting Fellowship provides opportunities for young and active orthopedic/trauma surgeons from throughout Europe to visit an annually changing German institution, which is being suggested by the DGOU, for a period of 4 weeks after their specialist training.

III. Our Rules

Every year, one European member of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES) will be awarded with the DGOU Fellowship. The work emphasis and interests of the applicant shall match the emphasis of the respective host institution.

Eligible to apply are all members of ESTES and of national ESTES societies throughout Europe who have completed their education in the field of orthopedic and/or trauma surgery and who are in an employment relationship and not self-employed. Applicants must not be older than 40 years. The applicant should possess sufficient language skills (must at least speak either English or German fluently).

The DGOU Visiting Fellowship is in the amount of EUR 2,500. The money is meant to cover part of the costs for the journey, accommodation, and living. The fellow will be able to visit the host institution for a period of 4 weeks. The fellow should be given the opportunity to give one or more presentations about his clinical and/or scientific specialist subject in his host

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institution. In addition, the fellow will be obliged to give a presentation about his clinical and/or scientific specialist subject at the annual DGOU conference. Thus, the transfer of knowledge and information between both partners will be promoted. A report about the DGOU Visiting Fellowship should be submitted to the DGOU office General Secretary within 1 month after the conclusion of the fellowship for its publication in the DGOU news bulletin.

Applications for the fellowship (in either German or English) must contain:

- the CV,
- list of publications,
- cover letter describing the intended purpose of the visit,
- description of the applicant's work emphasis and interests, and
- a letter of recommendation from the director of the sending institution.

Closing date for applications for the DGOU Fellowship is May 31 of every year.

The DGOU visiting Fellowship is supposed to fulfill a mere assisting function for the applicant. The DGOU will only be supporting the organization of the basic agreement between the participant and the host institution. All further details will be discussed and conducted between the participant and the host institution directly. The realization of the fellowship and all associated risks and cost are not incumbent upon the DGOU. The DGOU shall not be liable for any claims which the applicant may possibly want to assert. Also, all fiscal matters concerning the receipt and use of the fellowship money shall be incumbent upon the applicant only. By submitting his application, the applicant acknowledges these regulations.

IV. Selection of Fellows

A committee composed of the 1st vice president, the treasurer, a member of the temporary advisory board, and a member of the Young Forum will decide who will be the recipient of the DGOU visiting fellowship. The work emphasis and interests of the applicant have to match the emphasis of the respective host institution.

The executive board of the DGOU will decide on the awarding of the DGOU fellowship on the basis of recommendations made by the award committee in their next meeting after May 31.

Every Fellow should be able to give one or more lectures in his own field of clinical or experimental research in orthopedics and trauma to the colleagues of the host institution. Thus, there will be a real exchange of knowledge and information between both parties. A report of the visit should be sent to DGOU office within one month after the end of the visit, to be published in EJTES and the official DGOU bulletins.

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ECTES 2012 – What an Opportunity!

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Only a few weeks until ECTES 2012, taking place from May 12–15, 2012 in Basel, Switzerland, opens its doors to participants! It is the 13th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery and is truly held along the lines of “Many ways – One goal”.

Why you shouldn't miss this meeting? Find **6 reasons** for attending ECTES 2012 below:

- **KEEP UP** with the major issues and new trends in Trauma and Emergency Surgery
- **LEARN** best practices based on hard evidence
- **TAKE ADVANTAGE** of being in the same place with the best and brightest of your profession
- **SHARE** experiences, information, and leads with your peers and acknowledged speakers
- **EARN 18 CME** credits for your continuing education
- **DISCOVER** Basel – it will excite you!

Thus, seize this opportunity, **COME ONSITE and register directly on arrival** at the congress!

For further information on the congress, please visit: www.estesonline.org

We are looking forward to seeing you in Basel!

Sincerely,

The Congress Presidents Dominik Heim and Reto Babst
and the ECTES 2012 Organizing Team

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Annual Meeting

June 2–6, 2012

San Antonio, TX, USA

www.fascrs.org

American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting

September 30–October 4, 2012

Chicago, IL, USA

www.facs.org



World Trauma Congress

August 22–25, 2012

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



48. ÖGU Annual Congress

October 4–6, 2012

Salzburg, Austria

www.unfallchirurgen.at

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