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Message from the Secretary General

Dear ESTES members,

I would like to inform you about recent developments within our society.

After successful applications, the Bosnian Trauma Society and the Pan-Ukrainian Association of Traumatology and Osteosynthesis were welcomed as new institutional members in Lyon. We especially welcome Prof. Ismet Gavrankapetanovic from Sarajevo and Prof. Andriy Kalashnikov from Kiev as the national representatives of their Societies to our large board. We herewith have 29 institutional members in ESTES! We are also very happy to announce that we have passed the number of 1,000 individual members! Since the last ECTES meeting in Basel, we received 168 applications, which all could be accepted. These numbers impressively show how our society is growing and its activities remain attractive for trauma and emergency surgeons from all over Europe and other continents.

Five years after the foundation of ESTES, the Executive Board organized a retreat in Königstein, Germany on 5–6 January 2013. The aims were threefold: (1) reflecting and reviewing what has already been achieved, (2) looking at actual projects and evaluating how they are running and (3) looking forward and defining what still has to be done to promote and achieve the goals of our society.

The European Trauma Course Organization (ETCO) finalized the writing of its bylaws. With the input of representatives of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES), the European Resuscitation Council (ERC), the European Society of Anesthesiology (ESA) and the European Society of Emergency Medicine (EuSEM), cooperation between the founding societies is formalized. The ETCO is an international charity organization registered in Belgium, hosted by the European Resuscitation Council. The main goals of the ETCO are the management, further development, quality control and international implementation of the European Trauma Course (ETC). The ETC is an innovative multidisciplinary 2.5-day course aimed at physicians and allied health care professionals involved in the initial care of severely injured patients. The novel modular course concept is scenario-based and provides state-of-the-art team training in workshops and skill stations reflecting the prevailing European practice. Along with this new course model, a new edition of the European Trauma Course Manual has been prepared. Meanwhile, all chapters are written and the editing process is finalized. Several members of ESTES were actively involved as authors. The manual will be available in the second half of 2013.

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The applications for the Visceral Trauma Fellowship in two different centers in South Africa have been reviewed by the board. The fellowships have been awarded to Ms. Tatjana Dinkelaker from Germany and Ms. Montil Jiménez Fuertes from Spain. The winners will receive 5,000 € each for a fellowship of up to three months in the University Hospital of Johannesburg and the Chris Hanni Baragwanath Hospital in Cape Town. Currently a contract between ESTES and the hosting hospitals is being set up to allow the fellows a stay free of risks.

Prof. Radko Komadina from Slovenia was involved as an ESTES member in the last revision of the ABC-T guidelines for massive bleeding. They were published in *Critical Care* in April 2013.

The activities of the sessions during recent years were evaluated during the retreat. The board is convinced that the sections play an important role in the establishment of the scientific program of our annual meetings. Thanks to their input, we had very interesting instructional lecture courses and keynote lectures in all ECTES congresses. However, we would like to encourage sections to develop further activities, which contribute to the achievement of our ESTES goals. The board therefore proposed that the sections edit so-called "ESTES guidelines" for diagnosis, treatment, and posttreatment of clinical entities, which may be important for daily practice of our members (e.g., ankle fracture, acute appendicitis, splenic rupture). A small but representative working group can be set up for each subject. These persons can meet once or several times to discuss and set up guidelines. The whole process for one topic should not exceed one working year. Once accepted, the guidelines can then be published in our journal and/or presented at our annual meeting. For this initiative the board agreed to sponsor each section in the amount of 5,000 € which can be used for administrative tasks, meeting costs or for text editing. If you are personally interested in joining a specific working group, please contact the chairman of the respective section. Finally, the board asked the chairpersons of the education section to resolve its activities as a separate section after their term and to join and support the educational activities such as the Emergency Surgery Course (ESC), the Medical Response to Major Incidents Course (MRMI), the European Trauma Course and the Modular Ultrasound Course (MUSEC) in the respective other sections.

The executive board accepted to host the second World Trauma Congress to be held together with the 15th ECTES next year in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. A number of regional trauma societies from North and South

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America, Asia and Africa will take part in the scientific program. With support from the WHO, a half day will be devoted on trauma care worldwide: the role of trauma professional organizations.

Meanwhile, under the lead of Prof. Dr. Eric Voiglio, enormous efforts have been put into the preparation of the ECTES congress in Lyon.

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the 14th meeting and that it was an unforgettable event as all previous ECTES congresses have been. Please find more information about ECTES 2013 in the next issue of ESTES News.

With kind regards,

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**15th European Congress of
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&
2nd World Trauma Congress**



Dear colleagues,

After *ECTES 2013* in Lyon, France, we are now looking forward to *ECTES 2014* in Frankfurt/Main, Germany, which will take place together with the *2nd World Trauma Congress* from May 24–27, 2014.

Important dates to remember:

| Important Dates | |
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| Monday, September 2, 2013 Start abstract submission | Friday, January 10, 2014 Notification of abstract acceptance |
| Wednesday, November 6, 2013 Deadline for submission of abstracts | Friday, February 28, 2014 Deadline for early bird registration fee, registration cancellation |
| Monday, December 2, 2013 Start on-line registration | Friday, April 25, 2014 End of regular fee |
| Saturday, May 24 – Tuesday, May 27, 2014 15 th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery & 2 nd World Trauma Congress | |

The **abstract submission** starts on **Monday, September 2, 2013**.

All necessary information regarding topics and submission details can be found on the website:

<http://www.ectes2014.org>

A **Preliminary Scientific Programme** (including keynote speakers and first session details) will be available online by July 2013.

Sincerely,

The ECTES 2014 & 2nd WTC Organising Team

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2nd Swiss Trauma & Resuscitation Day 2013

A step towards a successful interdisciplinary approach to trauma patients

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On 22 February 2013, the “2nd Annual Swiss Trauma & Resuscitation Day (STRD) 2013” took place. In all, 260 general and orthopedic surgeons, intensivists, anesthetists, emergency physicians, emergency medical service personnel, and nurses met at Bern University Hospital, Switzerland, to discuss the newest evidence on the management of trauma patients.

In Bern University Hospital, specialists are involved early in the treatment of trauma patients. There are a variety of reasons for this, including the increase in knowledge, the complexity of organ-specific treatment, evolving new technologies and the increasing expectations of our patients regarding functional outcomes after trauma. However, trauma knows no anatomical boundaries and triggers a profound physiologic response simultaneously affecting every system in the body to unpredictable degrees. That means that each member of the trauma team must be an expert on the special needs of trauma patients. In this context, the annual STRD was held for the first time in February 2012, in order to provide a platform for dialogue between all health professionals involved with the injured patient. This year, for the second time, national and international experts covering all fields of trauma care shared their experiences and the participants used this opportunity to contribute to the discussions.

The scientific program of the 2nd STRD included talks on a wide variety of specific topics in trauma care, with the trauma patient in the center of interest. Additionally, five different workshops took place, including a hands-on ultrasound course. The keynote presentation was held by Prof. Ernest E. Moore, Editor of the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*, on controversies in post-injury hemostasis. This inspiring overview of the current knowledge and future perspectives on the prevention and treatment of trauma-induced coagulopathy was one of this year’s highlights. Another focus was on imaging adjuncts during the primary survey of injured patients. In a PRO–CON session, two international experts—Dr. Vicky E. Noble, Boston, USA and Dr. Thomas Lustenberger, Frankfurt am Main, Germany—discussed the role of ultrasonography and conventional X-rays in patients suffering blunt trauma. This controversy was clearly explained by these two experts and the participants were encouraged to critically review their daily practice in the shock room. Another highlight was the Military Session “Civilian and Military Conflicts – Lessons Learned the Hard Way”. The 2nd Annual STRD was the first civilian medical conference supported by the Swiss Armed Forces. Major General Dr. Andreas Stettbacher moderated this session which included three talks on lessons learned from war (Prof. Jay A. Johannigman, Cincinnati, USA), civilian urban warfare (Dr. Dennis Allard, Johannesburg, South Africa), and from the Oslo massacre (Dr. Johan Pillgram-Larsen, Oslo, Norway). It was thrilling to hear that civilian and military trauma care providers can learn from each other. The last session of the conference included the presentation and discussion by an international and national experts panel of tricky and unusual trauma cases. This presentation (Prof. Marius Keel, Bern, Switzerland) highlighted the conclusion that specialists must be involved at an early stage if satisfying functional outcomes are to be achieved after trauma.

The 3rd Annual STRD will again be held at Bern University Hospital, Switzerland on February 28, 2014. Additional information is available on www.swiss-trauma.ch.

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

Postgraduate course in Medical Response to Major Incidents (MRMI)

August 22–24, 2013

Stockholm, Sweden



XV Congress of the European Shock Society – 9th Vienna Shock Forum

September 12–14, 2013

Vienna, Austria

Workshop on Trauma to Visceral & Gastrointestinal Organs, DSTC

September 23–24, 2013

Graz, Austria

MRMI (Medical Response to Major Incidents) Course

November 14–16, 2013

Coimbra, Portugal

MUSEC Course (Modular Ultrasound ESTES Course)

November 14, 2013

Coimbra, Portugal

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