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Message from the President

Dear colleagues and friends,

First of all I want to congratulate Peter Wendsche, Pavel Drac and our scientific board for the outstanding program in Prague and would also like to bring your attention to the 21st ESTES Congress, in Oslo, Norway, from 26–28 April 2020, under the direction of Christine Gaarder and Pal Næss, to whom I wish the greatest success.

Secondly, to tell how honored and grateful I am to the colleagues on the board and the members of the general assembly for entrusting me the presidency of ESTES.

Before starting this letter, I decided to look for what the three previous presidents wrote on a similar occasion, to better understand what we left behind and try to propose something substantial for our near future.

- In 2016, Jonathan Tilsed discovered that one of the privileges of becoming president of ESTES was the opportunity to compose this article in the knowledge that it would be published in its full and unexpurgated form! Allow me to add another, the possibility to influence the agenda of the general assembly, in order to bring to the highest level of decision any subject understood as crucial. As him, I hope that my term of office will see ESTES continue to grow and develop into one of the foremost surgical societies in the world.
- In 2017, Marius Keel drew our attention to the importance of integrative work in order to bring together the two different worlds of acute care and trauma surgeons into one society. I agree but would prefer to speak of three different worlds, in a triangular mode: the world of the general surgeons, the world of the trauma surgeons and the world of the orthopedists. I do hope that this integrating work will translate into greater recognition of the work and representativeness of the sections and committees, giving them priority and placing in a fair place of our history the spirit of the two great societies that were in the genesis of ESTES.
- In 2018, Christoph Josten conveyed his concerns with the difficulties in obtaining industrial support in order to reach a neutral economic balance for our annual congresses. Unlike him, I do not believe that society has to gain from a restriction on the number of venues. On the contrary, what I see is that whenever the congress has a new host, new individual and institutional members join, which seems to me much more important in this phase of growth and consolidation of a still young society. However, I want to thank Christoph Josten for his excellent work as President, in particular during the delicate period of the change of organizer, from Mondial to Conventus, and the friendly manner how he welcomed me and managed to convey the presidency.

This said, I must bring your attention to a few points, regarding what has to do with the representativeness of the internal organs or the representativeness of ESTES at the international level, namely:



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- To accept all former members of the Executive Board into the Advisory Council, even without the right to vote;
- To include in the statutes, as primary objectives of ESTES, to promote trauma and emergency surgery in general and to disseminate interest, knowledge, and quality in these fields not only throughout Europe but also in neighboring countries with which there are important affinities, including those on the other side of the Mediterranean basin;
- To demonstrate greater openness to colleagues and entities from countries that are not represented, especially those on the other continents with whom each represented country maintains relevant historical relations;
- To demonstrate greater openness to colleagues from other specialties and their societies, especially anesthesiologists, intensivists and pediatricians, and, in another level, peri-operative nurses, our partners in everything that has to do with emergency surgery, similarly to what is happening in the context of other international societies;
- To establish a minimum amount of quota to pay by every institutional member (society or entity), without prejudice to the proportionality established by the statutes in relation to the number of votes according to the number of members; and, in the case of the societies, to consider an individual complementary component, of the responsibility of each associate, accompanied by the information regarding the personal data relevant for this purpose;
- Last but not the least, to assign a greater role to the sections and committees, co-opting them (again) onto the Executive Board, even without the right to vote (as it is the case with the Editor-in-Chief of the EJTES), to be able to better define the role of the committees in order to avoid overlap with other bodies.

In conclusion, my desire for the future is to have your recognition in terms of having fulfilled my mandate with commitment and dignity, in order to meet the statutory objectives of ESTES.

Carlos Mesquita
ESTES President



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Minutes – Disaster and Military Surgery Section Meeting

Prague, Monday, May 6, 2019, 15:30–16:30

Clarion Congress Hotel Prague, room Nadir

Participants: 25

Chairman: Roberto Faccincani (RF)

Vice Chairman: Itamar Ashkenazi (IA)

Proposed agenda

1. Welcome – approval of agenda
2. Section aims
3. Summary of last year:
 - a. Section membership
 - b. Survey
 - c. TDSC
 - d. Organization towards ECTES2019
4. D&MS and ESTES – involvement in ECTES
5. Section Chairmanship
6. ECTES 2020
7. Other topics?

RF: opened the meeting discussing in brief what the chairmanship tried to achieve in the last two years since his nomination as chair and IA nomination as vice-chair.

IA: stressed the importance of having two people actively leading the section complementing each other not only technically by sharing duties but also by each one with his/her strengths supplementing the deficits of the other.

IA presented the agenda and asked for any other business.

RF took notes.

- 1) **Agenda** was approved. No other business.
- 2) **Section's aims presented again**
 - ...to be a platform for the study and education of disaster and military surgery...
 - military surgeons
 - humanitarian global surgeons
 - “mass casualty incidents” surgeons

As the Section was formed and run essentially by MCI surgeons (with the participation of other functions involved in MCI management), one of the objectives of the Chair in the last 2 years was to increase the participation of humanitarian and military surgeons/medics



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3) Summary of the last year

a) Section membership

Number of members slightly increased

2018: 214 → 248 members

b) Survey

How many active members?

A survey was conducted last year among the Section's members. Main results:

- 87 (40.7%) of 214 listed section members responded
- 36.8% did not attend ECTES in the last three years. Of these, almost one third claimed that they plan to send an abstract to the upcoming congress in Prague.
- Of the responders who did attend one or more of the three last congresses, 69.1% had submitted at least one abstract. Almost a third submitted 3 or more abstracts. The overwhelming majority of the abstracts were sent to sections other than the D&MS section. Subgroup analysis of responders who claimed that they are only active in the D&MS section shows that even in this subgroup, most abstracts were sent on topics fitting other sections' topics.

Actions: we need to be more active inside the Section and the Society, sending abstracts to ECTES, preparing papers for EJTES, proposing initiatives of interest for the Section.

c) TDSC

Last year the Chair was requested by the Executive Board to facilitate possible endorsement by ESTES of a new MCI course: the Terror and Disaster Surgical Course (TDSC). Since MRMI was created within by ESTES members, many of whom are active in the section, it was important to explore the best way on how to endorse courses such as TDSC within ESTES. IA and RF together with Carlos Mesquita, ESTES President 2019–2020, drafted a position paper on the process. The position paper was reviewed and accepted by the Executive Board. It was pointed out that this position paper may serve a template in future cases where two or more similar courses wish to be endorsed by the society. Bilateral talks between Gerhard Achatz (GA) and section members active in MRMI took part in Valencia. GA as delegate of the TDSC presented the course in a session in Valencia and will do the same here in Prague. IA attended one of the TDSC courses in 2017 and reported both to the MRMI&D International Association and to the Executive Board. GA and Axel Franke from TDSC attended a MRMI Course in Stockholm last March. Carl Montan and Eric Voiglio are expected to attend a TDSC in November 2019 after which they will write a report.

d) Organization towards ECTES 2019 in Prague

There were communication problems with the Organizing Committee. It would be fair to say that there was no dialogue before some critical decisions were made by the organizers. This resulted in:

- Cancellation of 2 out of 6 sessions the section was asked to prepare in the kick-off meeting held in Valencia during ECTES 2018. The two sessions that were canceled were interactive clinical sessions.
- David Nott (DN) had offered to do a free, 1-day pre-congress course on Surgery in Austere Environment. This course was canceled, again, because we could not manage to organize the course due to failure in communication with the organizers.
- IA stressed that following discussions with the board, there is an understanding that the communication between the board, organizing committee and the section chairs should improve.

4) D&MS and ESTES - Involvement in ECTES Section: already examined

5) Chairmanship

IA says the Chair 2017–2019 came to the end of its term and it is necessary to vote for a new one.

RF described his nomination as EAC Chairman for the next three years. He was elected during the 06 May 2019 EAC meeting and this nomination needs to be confirmed by the General Assembly. Though serving in both the position of chairman of the section and chairman of the EAC is possible, RF thought this could represent some conflict of interest since the position of EAC chair demands his equal attention to all sections. For this reason, RF decided not to run for another term as section chair. RF says the Chair is proud because in the 2 years of chairmanship some results have been achieved:

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- Section's Committee established though we do need to learn how to make it more active. In case you are interested in the current list of committee members, please contact the ESTES office.²²
- Ioannis Gerogiannis (IG) is very active in both the educational committee and a new group set up as the Webpage and Social Media Groups. RF thanked IG for his active role and asked for more involvement of the other members of the Committee.
- Increased participation of humanitarian physicians in the section sessions (ICRC and MSF representatives attended the section meeting as well).
- Increased participation of military surgeons (representatives of French, Dutch and German Armies are attending the meeting)
- In particular RF asked for recruitment of women to take part in the section
- RF informed of the need to recruit young people to take the part in the Social Media Group. It was specified that the EAC propose a fellowship for this.
- IA proposed himself for possible candidate as the new section Chair. Since there was no other candidate proposing him/herself, candidature was approved by all with no objection to this nomination.
- Simon Herman agreed to take the position of Vice Chair. Since there was no other candidate to propose him/herself, candidature was approved by all with no objection to this nomination.

6) ECTES 2020 in Oslo, April 26–28

IA presented topics that had been sent to him for consideration and more were added by the section members

Topics:

- Treatment of combined trauma/CBRN victims
- Psychological support in MCIs (victims/staff)
- Quality assurance of hospital disaster plans
- Triage scores in the battlefield
- Minimal acceptable care
- Future trends in tactical combat casualty care (TCCC)
- Combat-related spinal injuries/head injuries/other
- Virtual reality training (ICRC)
- 3D printed prosthetics (MSF)
- Helicopter EMS in MCIs (Norwegian)
- Sedation without anesthesiology
- Artificial intelligence in military medicine
- New technologies (attracting companies)
- Damage control surgery in the military or difficult environment
- Trauma management in low income countries

Pre-congress courses:

- MCI 1-day course to be organized by Carl Montan
- RF will contact DN if he is willing to run his STAE 1-day course

7) Other issues:

The issue of the name of the Section was discussed: Carlos Pilasi Menichetti (CPM): as a representative of humanitarian surgeons it may be a problem for the humanitarian surgeons to be part of a Section where the term "military" is present within its name and to participate in session shared by both humanitarian and military surgeons. He proposed to prefer the term "Global Surgery" instead of humanitarian + military + disaster as this is comprehensive. Furthermore, he emphasized that "Global Surgery" is a relatively new hot topic which will attract people to the congresses.

Rigo Hoencamp (RH) reflected his opinion that removing the term "military" from both the Section name and the congress sessions might

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cause the military to leave. His opinion is that the military sessions are dedicated to topics that are also humanitarian.

It is decided to not take any action regarding this topic right now, but to consider the possibilities in the future.

It is suggested to facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences between the Section and other Disaster and Military experts/bodies like EUSEM, WADEM.

It is mentioned that Yasuhiro Otomo, invited moderator and speaker in Prague, has some role in WADEM.

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Report of ESTES Congress Grant Winner Sinan Bakir



Dear colleagues,

As a resident and aspiring trauma surgeon it was my honor and a great pleasure to be part of the 20th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery taking place in Prague, Czech Republic (May 5–7, 2019). After presenting parts of my work in the form of poster presentations last year in Valencia, I was chosen to present three posters and an oral presentation at the ECTES this year. Additionally I am very pleased to have received this year's Congress Grant.

Personally, I have drawn enormous motivation and new ideas from this experience of the congress visit, both from the various sessions and from the intercollegial exchange during the congress days.

It was very interesting to take a look outside the box in several ways. The insights into the various international research priorities were as interesting as the various scientific approaches in other countries and working groups.

Although the beautiful city of Prague is not far from my hometown Berlin, I had not had the opportunity to visit Prague yet. I can recommend a visit to the "Golden City" to anyone who has not yet seen this beautiful city. Not only the organizers of the 20th ECTES were excellent hosts, the Czechs themselves were extremely hospitable! Prague has captivated our small group of visitors with culinary delights and the beautiful architecture and flair of Prague's Old Town.

As I present the department as the resident representative at Medical University Greifswald I was very curious about the different approaches concerning education at other clinics and in other countries. Since in one of these sessions I was able to present my poster "Peer Counseling Project after (post) Traumatic Major Amputation: Evaluation of a Feasibility Study" and thus also this project, I was able to discuss first-hand the latest ideas concerning education.

The congress president and the entire team only deserve compliments for the content of the congress. My personal highlights of the program were among others the session "Severe Pediatric Trauma", in which I received new insights from different surgical specialties as well as

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from different regions of the world. Since I am very interested in pediatric trauma and I was also actively involved in this field with the poster “Epidemiological Data and Treatment Strategies of Pediatric Medial Clavicle Injuries”, I particularly liked these topics. Since one of my current research focus is on alternative diagnostic methods for pediatric trauma, I was also able to take many new ideas from the “Polytrauma in Children (Younger than 10 Years)” session.

The session “Chest Injuries, Surgical Critical Care and Burns” was also packed with interesting lectures, and I had the honor to speak on “Medial Clavicle Injuries as a Gatekeeper of the Thorax: Epidemiological Data and Therapeutic Strategies of Sternoclavicular Joint Dislocation and Medial Clavicle Fracture in Germany”. Since this is my current main research activity, I was particularly pleased to be able to give my first non-native speaking lecture on this topic in English. In this session, I was also able to gain further inspiration and discuss it with absolute experts in this topic as well as in the session “Complex Trauma of Shoulders”, as the medial clavicle symbolizes the link between the anatomic regions thorax and upper extremity.

A special highlight was the inspiring Sten Lennquist Lecture by Dr. A. Leppäniemi “What Is Surgery and What Makes a Good Surgeon?” which certainly does not only encourage a young trauma surgeon like me to reflect, but is always up to date at any point in a trauma surgeon’s career.

Overall, I was most impressed by the sessions which gave a great overview of the different approaches in Europe (and the world), such as the “Stop the Bleed in Europe - Where Are We” session, in which my former senior consultant and sponsor Stefan Schulz-Drost was involved, too.

Of course, the absolute highlight for me was the honor to receive the ECTES Congress Grant 2019 sponsored by the Austrian Society of Trauma Surgery (ÖGU) which was handed over by the ESTES president Prof. Christoph Josten.

As a future long-term career goal I plan to be promoted as a professor, with preparations and work in progress. In addition to my presented main research I am involved in several studies regarding rehabilitation after traumatic major limb amputation, complex pelvic fractures and postoperative complications as well as shoulder girdle injuries.

I would like to thank Prof. Axel Ekkernkamp for the generous support of my previous research and release for the ECTES and PD Stefan Schulz-Drost for the previous and future cooperation. Finally, I would like to thank the ÖGU for the foundation of this ESTES Congress Grant.

Sincerely,
Sinan Bakir



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Dear colleagues,

After *ECTES* 2019 in Prague, Czech Republic, we are now looking forward to *ECTES* 2020 in Oslo, Norway, which will take place April 26–28, 2020.

Important dates to remember

14 August 2019	Start abstract submission
18 September 2019	Start online registration
13 October 2019	Deadline abstract submission
18 December 2019	Notification of abstract acceptance
9 February 2020	Deadline for early bird registration fee
10 April 2020	End of regular registration fee

All necessary information can be found on the congress website www.estes-congress.org.

A **Preliminary Scientific Programme** (including keynote speakers and first session details) will be available online by September 2019.

Sincerely,
The ECTES 2019 Organising Team

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

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

5th World Trauma Congress

October 26–30, 2020
Brisbane, Australia

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