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Message from the Secretary General

Dear members, colleagues and friends,

After our overwhelming annual meeting in Basel and relaxing summer weeks, our Society is heading towards new projects and activities. The executive and the large board meetings as well as the general assembly have given the start signal to several of them.

The Portuguese Society of Surgery (Sociedade Portuguesa de Cirurgia) has been accepted as the 27th institutional member of ESTES. We welcome the 51 members of this Society and hope they will find in ESTES their home for international congress and scientific activities. This brings the total number of individual members of ESTES together with the members of all affiliated Societies to more than ten thousand!

The company Boehringer Ingelheim, a pharmaceutical concern based in Ingelheim, Germany and having worldwide activities with its new antithrombotic agent dabigatran, has shown interest in becoming a preferred partner of ESTES. Negotiations will hopefully end in an exclusive mid-term cooperation between the two partners. Boehringer Ingelheim will become the second preferred partner after Baxter.

The ESTES visceral trauma fellowship has been established. It enables an individual member to participate in a training program for the care of victims with visceral trauma. Several South-African, North-American, and European trauma centers are ready to host these fellows. The duration of a fellowship ranges from 3–6 months. The fellowship grant amounts to €5,000 and will be given to two selected candidates each year. Applications can be directed to the ESTES office.

The ESTES Emergency Surgery Course (ESC) has been registered as a trade mark at the Office of Harmonization in the Internal European Market. The ESC was launched in 2011. It is a 3-day course, which aims to provide surgeons with tactics of nontrauma emergency surgery to aid them in their daily practice. A course manual is currently being written by the initiators, all of them ESTES members, and will be printed with Springer.

A manual for the European Trauma Course (ETC) is also in preparation. This course provides knowledge and skills for shock room management of the severely injured. There is a special focus on a team approach. In 2.5 days, theoretical knowledge and multiple realistic scenarios are presented. ESTES is one of the co-founders of the European Trauma Course Organization (ETCO). The other organizations include the European Resuscitation Council (ERC), the European Society of Anesthesiology (ESA) and the European Society of Emergency Medicine

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(EuSEM). The manual is being written by members of all four Societies as a handbook for preparation of the course. Information on the place and timing of the courses can be found in the internet. Members of the ESTES executive board are also working on the articles of association of the ETCO. As the number of courses is growing rapidly, there is an urgent need for definition of goals, support, legal and financial responsibility of the course events and contents. In Basel, ATLS Europe and ETCO expressed their wish to start strategic cooperation for planning of courses, exchanging faculty and writing the respective manuals.

There is a very fruitful cooperation between ESTES and EFORT (European Federation of National Societies of Orthopedics and Traumatology). ESTES had an extraordinary successful session on pelvic trauma at the EFORT annual meeting in Berlin in June. More than 300 attendants were present; vivid discussions followed five keynote lectures on emergency treatment of pelvic trauma. ESTES and EFORT will continue and intensify cooperation at the occasion of their annual meetings with the perspective of common initiatives in the field of trauma care such as common expert meetings or the publication of directives.

The European Orthopedic Research Society (EORS) and the European Shock Society (ESS) became "Sister Societies" of ESTES and will exchange information on current projects and activities. They also will be present at the ESTES annual meetings with their own sessions.

Dear members, colleagues and friends, ESTES was founded on November 7, 2007; it is less than five years old. We can be proud of what has been achieved in this short time; however, much work is still ahead of us. Let us work together and strengthen our efforts for a better organization and quality of trauma and emergency care in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
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Secretary General of ESTES

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ESTES Education Section

ESTES Education Section members met during the Global Risk Conference in Davos, Switzerland, from August 26–28, 2012 where we held a 2-day DITAC Work Package Focus meeting.

ESTES is an associate partner in the DITAC project – development of European training curriculum for international crisis management.

The DITAC project will

- analyse concepts, methods, and doctrine of crisis response and identify the relevant European competences of crisis management,
- analyse the existing initiative to generate curricula for crisis management,
- identify the requirements of the local actors in crisis management education,
- identify the needs of relevant actors and the resulting stakeholder requirements for significant improvement of training in international disaster response and crisis management,
- develop a didactic concept to transmit common standards for crisis management education, using state-of-the-art methods for teaching and training,
- organise a pilot study course for suitable participants from European countries and
- develop an evaluation tool for the course.

The DITAC Project coordinator is Philipp Fischer and Prof. Sten Lennquist is a chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board. There are 13 institutions from 8 European countries involved in the DITAC project.

In addition to the work on the DITAC WPs, we found time to discuss Education Section work and plans. The meeting was attended by Boris Hreckovski (chairman), Radko Komadina (secretary), Bob Dobson, Philipp Fischer, Andrej Strahovnik, and Mark Loade.

Following topics were discussed:

1. ESTES activities and representation in the DITAC project,
2. development of the ESTES new pilot course European Tactical Medicine Course,
3. the ESTES Postgraduate MRMI Course and its implementation in DITAC project and future similar projects,
4. the Education Section proposal for topics at the ESTES Lyon congress,
5. future collaboration with the newly forming society from the USA: Society for Disaster Medicine and Public Health,
6. preparation for a Croatian–Slovenian 4th MRMI Course which will be organised in January 2013 in Slovenia under the auspices of the Slovenian Ministry of Health,
7. activities of the NATO SPS Programme,
8. analysing the draft version of the NATO Handbook for Pandemic and Mass Casualty Planning and Response. The handbook is a result of activities which were done during the NATO ASI Conference held in December in Slavonki Brod, Croatia, under ESTES endorsement.

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The meeting in Davos was also attended by Prof. James James (USA), Editor in Chief of the journal Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, who is also member of the DITAC Scientific Advisory Board. Prof James James is President of the newly forming Society of Disaster Medicine and Public Health which is interested in working and collaborating with the ESTES Education and Disaster & Military Surgery Sections.

Elin Gursky (Analytic Service of Homeland Security – USA) new member of the DITAC Scientific Advisory Board presented a draft version of a NATO Handbook where 14 ESTES members are authors of topics. At the meeting we also discussed future activities with NATO SPS programmes in which Elin Gursky has respectable experience.

Concerning the European Tactical Medicine Course, a new ESTES pilot project, it has been decided that Philipp Fischer will go to the UK to attend a similar course developed by Dobson and Loades to coordinate future activities in a new field of medicine – Tactical Medicine. Prof. James James will also offer assistance for a future meeting in the USA with staff who are Tactical Medicine experts.

Preparation for a 4th Croatian–Slovenian MRMI course was also discussed and the pilot exercise project which is based on a proposal for involvement of European Rapid Force Units for crisis management.

Boris Hreckovski
Chairman ESTES Education Section



Davos DITAC session meeting: from the right – Jona Meyer (Germany), Philipp Fischer (Germany), Linn Rother (Germany), Mark Loades (UK), Bob Dobson (UK), Boris Hreckovski (Croatia), Radko Komadina (Slovenia), Elin Gursky (USA), Andrey Strahovnik (Slovenia), James James (USA), Kubilay Kaptan (Turkey), Christoph Kogler (Germany)

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Dear colleagues,

The preparations for the **14th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery**, due to take place from May 4–7, 2013 in Lyon, France, are in full swing.

We would like to invite you to submit your abstracts for the congress by **Monday, November 5, 2012!**

Please note other “Important Dates to Remember” in the table below:

Important Dates to Remember	
Monday, November 5, 2012	Deadline for submission of abstracts
Monday, December 3, 2012	Start on-line registration
Monday, January 21, 2013	Notification of abstract acceptance
Monday, February 18, 2013	Deadline for early bird registration fee, registration cancellation
Monday, April 8, 2013	End of regular fee
Saturday, May 4 – Tuesday, May 7, 2013 14 th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery	

We look forward to receiving your scientific work and to welcoming you to **Lyon—The place to be for 2013!**

Sincerely,

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses



DKOU 2012 - Deutscher Kongress für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie

October 23–26, 2012

Berlin, Germany

<http://www.dkou.org/dkou2012>

Trauma Course Central Europe / 12th Course Polytrauma Management – beyond

ATLS November 30 – December 1, 2012

Aachen, Germany

www.polytraumacourse.com

Paris International Shoulder Course

February 14–16, 2012

Paris, France

<http://www.paris-shoulder-course.com/>

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