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## Message from the Secretary General

Dear colleagues and members of ESTES!

We hope all of you had a relaxing and refreshing summer!

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the ESTES executive and large boards took up activities for a new working year at their meetings in Lyon. Several ongoing projects were evaluated. New ones were defined. The applications of the Bosnian Trauma Society (OTSHBA) and the Pan-Ukrainian Association of Trauma and Osteosynthesis are progressing, but not finalized yet. Hopefully, the acceptance of their institutional membership will be possible in the next general assembly.

ESTES is happy to announce that the pharmaceutical company Boehringer–Ingelheim has decided to become a preferred partner of ESTES starting in 2012. We hope this partnership will be the beginning of a middle- to long-term cooperation to optimize patient care in the fields of trauma and emergency surgery and minimize complications of our surgical work.

ESTES decided to participate with a guest symposium at the next EFORT annual meeting, which will take place in Istanbul from 5–8 June 2013. The symposium will be chaired by Prof. L. Leenen, ESTES President at that time, and me. There will be five lectures on elbow trauma. Preparative works on the European Trauma Course (ETC) Manual are progressing well. Those chapters, which had to be written by ESTES members, were submitted on time. We expect that the new version of the ETC Manual will be available mid-2013. Meanwhile, the Articles of Association of the European Trauma Course organization (ETCO) were discussed intensively between the founding members and were accepted by ESTES.

ESTES also has agreed to become an associated partner of the Disaster Training Curriculum (DITAC). DITAC is a European initiative, which has financial support of the European Union, with the goal to prepare health care professionals for an early and adequate response to major incidents. The section of military and disaster surgery and its chairpersons will be the contact persons of ESTES. ESTES will have to prioritize its interests in relation to other societies. With ESTES becoming larger, more and more demands for cooperation with other international Societies arise. Initiatives and engagement from the ESTES side are needed for a fruitful mutual exchange. Specific persons and projects have to be found within the sections, who will be responsible for this cooperation.

Preparations for our next annual meeting, ECTES 2013 are going smoothly. A large number of abstracts have already been submitted. The reviewers will select the best of them to make ECTES 2013 a real scientific highlight. A large number of “sister societies” have agreed to organize a guest symposium. This continues our nice tradition of exchange and “building bridges” that has been successful for several years.

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Finally, a new demand for acceptance of our official publication, the “European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery” in PubMed has been submitted to the responsible authorities. We hope to receive a positive response in the spring of 2013.

We would be delighted to receive your reactions and ideas to make ESTES an even more outstanding organization for the care of the injured and emergency surgery patient.

In the name of the Executive Board.

Prof. Dr. P. M. Rommens  
ESTES Secretary General

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### Report of the first World Trauma Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil August 22–25, 2012

The “Sociedade Brasileira de Atendimento Integrado ao Traumatizado (SBAIT)” was the host of the first World Trauma Congress, which took place between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A goal of the event was to trigger discussions about trauma care and trauma system development in high, middle and low income countries worldwide. More than 3,500 trauma care providers, nurses, and students were present. Speakers and attendants came from over 50 countries. For the very first time, multiple regional trauma organizations came together to discuss the possibilities of a worldwide trauma network. ESTES was represented by Ari Leppaniemi, Vice President, Abe Fingerhut, President 2010–2011 and Pol M. Rommens, President 2009–2010 and currently Secretary General. Other organizations were the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST), the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT), the Trauma Association of Canada (TAC), the Panamerican Trauma Society (PTS), the International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC) represented by Selman Uranus, who was ESTES President 2008–2009; the Australasian Trauma Society (ATS), the Israel Trauma Association (ITA), the Turkish National Association of Trauma and Emergency Surgery, the Asociación Colombiana de Trauma (ACT), the Trauma Society of South Africa (TSSA), and the Japanese Society for Acute Care Surgery (JSACS). There also were representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO). The Brazilian Minister of Health and the Secretary of Health of the State of Rio de Janeiro were also present. This unique forum of key-opinion leaders in trauma care gave strong momentum to this event with a clear signal for further initiatives.

The day before the congress, twelve pre-congress courses for nurses, paramedics, and students took place. It explains the overwhelming presence of these persons at the main congress: 60% of the attendants were young and enthusiastic Brazilians, who wanted to obtain deeper insight in the world of trauma.

The main congress took place in two and a half days. Similar to our ECTES Congresses, key-note lectures, instructional lecture courses, free oral and poster presentations were on the agenda in four different rooms. Main topics were challenges in disasters, education in trauma, abdominal injuries, trauma systems around the world, war surgery, neurotrauma, coagulopathy and massive hemorrhage, severe pelvic bleeding, damage control, complex injuries, and vascular damage. All sessions were very well attended; up to 600 persons were present in the largest lecture hall.

On Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>, there was a half day on global trauma care and trauma systems development worldwide. All regional organizations were present and their representatives gave short statements about their specific goals and activities. The WHO presented its global plan for trauma care and injury prevention. In a podium discussion, possible cooperation and common projects in the frame of a global trauma network were discussed. There was a strong feeling that trauma care must be placed higher on the agendas of regional and national governments and policy makers. Two major decisions were made. First, the World Trauma Congress should continue to exist. This event should take place every second year in cooperation and co-organization with one of the regional trauma societies. ESTES has been asked to organize the second World Trauma Congress at the occasion of ECTES 2014 in Frankfurt. In the Board Meetings of September 24<sup>th</sup> in Lyon, the executive and large boards of ESTES approved this request. ESTES feels honored by this and will host the 15<sup>th</sup> ECTES together with the second World Trauma Congress from May 24–27, 2014 in Frankfurt! Second, a workshop should be organized by the WHO. All regional trauma organizations should take part. In this workshop, priorities for common initiatives such as the establishment of new education tools, definition of trauma units, and regionalization of trauma systems responding to local needs should be discussed.

The first World Trauma Congress in Rio de Janeiro was a unique event with a strong appeal for intensifying our efforts and cooperation in the field of trauma care and trauma systems development. We have to thank Paul Coimbra, the Congress President, and Gustavo Pereira Fraga, the scientific coordinator, for their extraordinary efforts and their visionary initiative. In my

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view, if the World Trauma Congress continues, neurotrauma and orthopedic trauma should be included in the program and representative regional organizations should also be invited. Neurotrauma is responsible for more than 50% of early deaths in severely injured and nearly all polytraumatized patients have musculoskeletal injuries of different number and severity. They are one the most important factors for the quality of life after trauma.

Prof. Dr. P. M. Rommens  
ESTES Secretary General



Image 1: Prof. Andy Peitzman, former President of AAST and Prof. P. Rommens, ESTES Secretary General, at the entrance of the Congress Center



Image 2: Opening ceremony of the first World Trauma Congress

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Dear colleagues,

### The early bird catches the worm – Registration is open!

The online registration for the *14<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery* has been open since the beginning of this month. Register now and benefit from the Early Bird Registration Fees!

The Early Bird Deadline is Monday, February 18, 2013.

### Abstract Submission – Thank you!

We are happy to announce that we received a great number of abstract submissions which will contribute to the scientific programme! All abstracts are under revision at the moment and all submitters will be notified on Friday, January 25, 2013 about the acceptance of their abstracts!

### Congress Grants

Don't forget to apply for your congress grant before Monday, January 14, 2013. The prerequisites and the application form can be found online on the congress website.

### A good night's sleep is the best medicine!

We have secured hotel rooms in 4\* and 3\* hotels at competitive rates. Early hotel booking is highly recommended! For information on hotel rates, please refer to the congress webpage.

Accommodations can be booked together with the conference registration online.

### Lyon–The place to be for 2013 – easy to reach and exciting to explore!

Sincerely,

Eric J. Voiglio, MD, FACS, FRCS  
*President of ECTES Lyon 2013*

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### Trauma Innovation 2013



Trauma Innovation 2013, 15–17 January 2013 at Park Plaza, London, UK, is Europe's largest gathering of over 400 military, humanitarian and civilian emergency healthcare practitioners.

The focus of Trauma Innovation 2013 will centre on the depth of knowledge the military has acquired from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq which urgently needs to be passed onto the humanitarian and civilian emergency healthcare practitioners before the military leaves these theatres of war.

*“With the injury patterns that Afghanistan has seen military medicine has developed rapidly at all echelons and the military have a vast amount of knowledge to pass on to their civilian counterparts.”* Comment from LinkedIn discussion group *Tactical Medics*.

Speakers at Trauma Innovation 2013 will include:

- Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Róbert Balázs, Branch Chief - Lessons Learnt Branch, NATO Centre of Excellence for Military Medicine
- Harald Veen, Head Surgeon, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Daniel Irizarry, MD LTC, MC, FS USA-A Medical Advisor, NATO SOF Headquarters
- Ms Mary Ann Spot, Deputy Director of the Joint Theater Trauma System (JTTS), U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research (USAISR)
- Simon Holmes, Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon, Craniofacial Trauma Lead, Barts and the London NHS Trust
- Colonel TJ Hodgetts CBE OStJ, Chief Medical, NATO Allied Rapid Reaction Corps and Honorary Professor of Emergency Medicine University of Birmingham
- Dr Fiona Moore, Medical Director, London Ambulance Service NHS Trust, Consultant in
- Emergency Medicine at Charing Cross Hospital and London's Clinical Director for Trauma



The full conference programme has now been published. A two-day stream will focus on topics including:

- At War for 12 Years and Still Going: What Have We Learned and How Do We Sustain It?
- Provision of Health Care in Emergency Situations Overseas: How We Plan; How We Train; and How We Execute
- The NATO Trauma Registry Project (NTR)
- Advances in Pre Hospital Care and Emergency Medicine
- Trauma Process Improvement: How We Can Get Better Every Day

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Brand NEW for Trauma Innovation 2013 also includes:

- Dedicated 3<sup>rd</sup> day for PTSD
- Free exhibition for buyers to attend and learn which products and techniques are being used across the world.

Registration for Trauma Innovation 2013 is now open. Please visit [www.traumainnovation.com](http://www.traumainnovation.com) to view the full conference programme and register to attend.



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## Announcements

### Upcoming related congresses & courses

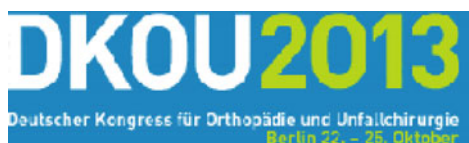


#### Paris International Shoulder Course

February 14–16, 2012

Paris, France

[www.paris-shoulder-course.com/](http://www.paris-shoulder-course.com/)



#### DKOU 2013 - Deutscher Kongress für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie

October 22–25, 2013

Berlin, Germany

[www.dkou.org](http://www.dkou.org)

### ACUTE CARE SURGERY COURSE ON NON-TRAUMA VISCERAL & GASTROINTESTINAL EMERGENCIES



March 18–19, 2013

European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES), European Association for Endoscopic Surgery (EAES)  
*in co-operation with*  
Section for Surgical Research, Medical University of Graz

This workshop is designed to provide state-of-the-art information on the diagnosis and management of severely ill patients who present with non-traumatic visceral and gastrointestinal emergencies. The course emphasizes direct involvement of the trainees in the problem-oriented theory and hands-on lab sessions. Upon completion of the course, attendees will be well equipped to deal with these patients when they see them in the emergency room.

**Course director:** Prof. Dr. S. Uranues

**Course language:** English and German (no simultaneous translation)

**Course location:** Department of Surgery, Section for Surgical Research, Auenbruggerplatz 29, 8036 Graz, Austria

Registration fee: € 600.-, for members of ESTES and EAES € 550.-

**Registration:** [i.prassl@medunigraz.at](mailto:i.prassl@medunigraz.at), Phone: +43(0)316 385 83232, Fax: +43(0)316 385 16845

Information: [www.surgicalresearch.at](http://www.surgicalresearch.at)

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