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Message from the President

Dear colleagues,

The society is vivid and many initiatives are coming to maturation. A delegation of the ESTES board visited the AAST meeting in San Francisco and was able to elaborate on new areas for collaboration. Thus, the Emergency Surgery Course will be offered in cooperation between the AAST and our organization. It therefore will have stronger foundation on both sides of the ocean. This strong initiative will be guided by a committee with three representatives of both organizations. The final result is due next year. We wish the committee members lots of success!

During the large board meeting in Frankfurt a new educational format for the society was discussed. It focuses more on the different needs of the patient and the competencies needed to adequately treat these patients. As there is no homogeneous practice pattern throughout Europe, neither for Trauma, nor for Emergency Surgery, this program has to fill the needs base and give possibilities to adequately provide support to the needs in the various countries. The educational committee, which had already adapted the patient-centered philosophy will work this out further. The format will have courses, hands-on as well as theoretical, video-based and e-learning as well as fellowships for the various tiers within our society, e.g., musculoskeletal trauma, visceral trauma, emergency surgery, intensive care and disaster and military surgery.

Within the large board meeting a proposal was made for the organization of the ECTES conference 2016. The Austrian Trauma Society proposed Vienna as the next venue after Frankfurt 2014 and Amsterdam 2015. The proposal will be prepared further, finalized and presented to the General Assembly during ECTES 2014.

The Norwegian Institute for Trauma applied as a new institutional member to the society. As there is no formal Norwegian Trauma Society with members, this is felt as the right way to incorporate the active Norwegian trauma community into ESTES, who will be able to take full advantage of all the aspects of being a full member of ESTES. The secretary general will guide the process which will be further outlined during the ECTES 2014 general assembly.

During the large board meeting Dr. Vassiliu from Greece proposed to support a petition to the WHO to include trauma into its developmental goals. Further follow-up and guidelines how to sign this petition will be distributed to ESTES members.

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In support of another WHO initiative, the initiative for road safety, it was decided that Prof. Marzi will represent the society for this initiative.

During the DKOU 2013 (German Orthopedic and Trauma Conference) in Berlin another ESTES symposium was held. This was the fifth time that such a symposium was held to underline the mutual collaboration. This time a very up to date and fiercely debated subject was presented, regarding the need of emergency surgeons in Europe. Drs Josten, Kurihara, Leenen, Pape, and Tilsed eluded to various aspects of the theme. Finally the chairman of the session Prof. Marzi, also the Editor in chief of our journal, decided that this interesting topic will be further outlined in a special topic of our journal.

Prof. Dr. LPH Leenen

ESTES President 2013/2014

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Obituary

On July 25, 2013 Prof. Dr. Urs Heim passed away after a short, severe illness. With him one of the grand personalities of European trauma and orthopedic surgery left us. His work and his aura went far beyond the borders of his native country of Switzerland.

Urs Heim was born on April 4, 1924 in Zurich. After attending school in Switzerland and France he started his studies in the field of human medicine in the 1940s. In 1949 he finished his studies and started his career as a physician.

Already the early years were characterized by a phenomenon that accompanied Urs Heim through his complete life: To think outside the box in order to see the bigger picture. Asked for his special fields he named later: experimental surgery, internal medicine, surgery, urology, traumatology, medical history ...

In May 2012 Urs Heim became an Honorary Member of ESTES.

From 1982–1984 Urs Heim was the president of the Swiss Trauma Society. Moreover, in 1983 he was the president of the 4th German–Austrian–Swiss congress for traumatology. He also represented the AO International as president between 1988 and 1993.

We express our sincere sympathy to Dr. Dominik Heim, ESTES national representative of the Swiss Trauma Society, and to his relatives.



Urs Heim (left) talking with Martin Allgöwer (right)

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



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Dear Colleagues,

Scientific and organizational preparations for the 15th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery and the 2nd World Trauma Congress are in full swing. The detailed Preliminary Scientific Program is available on the Congress Website.

Sessions will cover the following topics:

- World Trauma Congress/polytrauma/Neurotrauma
- Emergency Surgery / Acute Care Surgery / Surgical Intensive Care
- Skeletal Trauma / Orthopedic Trauma / Orthopedic Surgery
- Visceral Trauma / Abdominal Trauma / Thoracic Trauma / Vascular Trauma
- Military and Disaster Surgery / Education / Miscellaneous
- Pre- & Post-Courses: DSTC, DITAC, MuSEC, ETC, ATLS and Vascular Trauma

The early bird catches the worm – **Online Registration opens on Monday, December 2, 2013!**

Register before February 28, 2014 and benefit from the Early Bird Registration Fees!

Find all information on the congress website: <http://www.ectes2014.org/ectes-2014/attendance/registration/index.html>

Do not miss the opportunity to participate in the summit on Trauma Care in 2014 in Frankfurt and mark the following dates in your calendar:

Start Online Registration: Monday, December 2, 2013

Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2014

ECTES 2014 & 2nd WTC: Sunday, May 25 – Tuesday, May 27, 2014

I look forward to meeting you in Frankfurt.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ingo Marzi

President of ECTES 2014 & 2nd World Trauma Congress

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Report of ESTES Grant Winner Dr. Gyan Saurabh

If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work upon immortal minds, imbue them with high principles of trauma and emergency care, that is indeed a great task and I have been privileged to be blessed with same during my visit to Lyon from 4–7 May 2013 when I participated in the meeting of the European Society of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES).

My heartfelt thanks to Dr. Eric Voiglio, who not only arranged accommodation for me during the post-congress ATLS course but also during the congress days. He is not only a great trauma surgeon and an enthusiastic academician but also a wonderful human being.

I arrived in the city of Eiffel at 6 a.m. on May 3rd and reached Lyon at around 8 p.m. the same day. Seeing empty roads at 9 p.m. was surprising and the sight of scorching sun at 9 p.m. was baffling as the sun usually sets around 7 p.m. in India. The first interaction in French was overwhelming.

Then came the big day, i.e., the first day of the congress, which made me realize that the next four days will empower me with the latest in trauma and emergency care. Moving from one auditorium to the next, I gathered a wealth of extremely vital information. On 5 May 2013, I received the congress grant of 1,000 Euro, which helped me a lot by covering my travel expenses and also in my sustenance in Lyon.

I presented a paper on "Is evisceration an indication for laparotomy in adults with penetrating trauma to abdomen" and the paper was well accepted by the international faculty as the concept was original and not much work has been done in this field. During the congress, I interacted with many surgeons from throughout the world, although I felt that there was not much participation from India. The collaboration of the Indian Society of Trauma and Acute Care (ISTAC) with ESTES will bridge this gap in the future. My heartfelt thanks to Prof. M.C. Misra, Chief, JPN Apex Trauma Centre, All India Institute of Medical Sciences & National Programme Director, ATLS Course, India, and Prof. Dr. med. Ingo Marzi for the collaboration.

I participated as an ATLS Faculty in the post-congress ATLS course, organized from 8–10 May 2013 and I was very impressed with the administrative skills of Dr. Eric Voiglio and Pascale Lavieville who were also extremely helpful when questions arose. The ATLS Course was a big success under the supervision of Dr. Eric Voiglio.

I left Lyon enriched with lovely memories and a zenith of knowledge, which will remain with me throughout my life.

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I am extremely thankful to Prof. M. C. Misra for his neverending blessings and guidance which had enabled me to represent India at an international forum. Through his kindness, I will have the opportunity to represent India again at the ECTES 2014 conference, but this time on behalf of ISTAC headed by respectable Prof. Misra.

I look forward to meeting you all in Frankfurt, Germany.

With kind regards,

Dr. Gyan Saurabh

Associate Professor

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Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals

New Delhi, India

This congress grant was sponsored by the German Trauma Society. Thank you!



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DO YOU ALSO WANT TO BE CONGRESS GRANT WINNER?

Are you going to attend the 15th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery taking place in Frankfurt, Germany (May 24–27)?

Would you like to win a travel grant of EUR 1,000?

Do you fulfill the criteria?

If your answer to all questions above is "Yes", seize this chance and apply now!

The prerequisites are:

- Age below 35 (date of congress is decisive)
- Specialist or Specialist-in-Training in Trauma and Emergency Surgery
- Submission and presentation of an accepted abstract
- Documented scientific activities
- Submission of the required documents (letter of intent, CV, list of publications, letter of recommendation)
- Short report about the congress after the event
- Individual member of ESTES or intention to become an individual member of ESTES

The application form can be downloaded on the ESTES website (Education).

To apply for a grant, please return the filled-out application form and all required documents to the ESTES Administrative Office:
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Application Deadline: **Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

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Modular Ultrasound ESTES Course (MUSEC) took place in Alicante on 28 September 2013

The second MUSEC Course took place at Hospital IMED Elche (Alicante, Spain) on the last weekend in September. The course was offered as two half-day modules on E-FAST and Basic Ultrasound in the Emergency Department. Among the students were surgeons and emergency physicians from Spain, Italy, and South America. A group of four doctorates from the Centro de Investigación del Deporte-Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche also participated as healthy model volunteers. Prior to the course, the e-learning platform had accomplished a high degree of participation, so the course developed with rich interaction between students and faculty. The course counted on the participation of five international faculty members from the ESTES MUSEC Group including Dr. Mauro Zago, Dr. Andrea Casamassima, and Dr. Diego Mariani from Italy, Dr. Luis Filipe Pinheiro and Dr. Jorge Pereira from Portugal, who joined Dr. David Costa and Dr. Isidro Martínez, the last acting as the course director. Hands-on sessions and clinical case scenarios were the most appreciated during the course. The ESTES MUSEC Group is now working on future courses (Coimbra, Milan, and Lugano) and on the development of advanced modules, which will be offered soon.



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Italian Launch Conference of the Global Alliance for Care of the Injured

On October 10th, 2013, in the City Hall of Milan, **ESTES and SICUT** (Italian Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery) organized the **Italian Launch Conference of the Global Alliance for Care of the Injured**, the fifth pillar of the UN/WHO Decade of Action for Road Safety.

Manjul Joshipura (Chief of Trauma Dept. at Ahmedabad, India - IATSIC President Elect and Former Chief of Global Alliance for Trauma Care Project of WHO), Luke Leenen (ESTES President), Piero Chirletti (SICUT President), and Mauro Zago (National Representative for SICUT in the ESTES Board) explained the meaning of the Campaign from worldwide, European, and national perspectives.

Under the auspices expressed by the Italian Minister of Health, this Conference gathered the interest of all Italian Scientific Societies of the professionals involved in the care of the injured and received broad media coverage.

The day after, at the Milano Convention Center, a multidisciplinary Symposium on Road Safety Decade was held with the presence of ESTES and SICUT Presidents.

Mauro Zago, MD

Italian ESTES National Representative

- * Introduction
Mauro Zago
(General Surgeon, ESTES and SICUT Board Member)
- * The Global Alliance for the Care of the Injured: what, why, the goals
Manjul Joshipura
(Trauma Dept Chief, Ahmedabad, India - IATSIC President Elect
Former Chief of Global Alliance for Trauma Care Project, WHO)
- * Global Alliance from the European perspective: data show us that we must work!
Luke Leenen
(Trauma Dept Chief, Utrecht, The Netherland
ESTES President)
- * The Global Alliance in Italy: needs and projects
Piero Chirletti
(Università La Sapienza, Policlinico Umberto I, Rome
SICUT President)
- * Empowering citizens for road safety
Pierfrancesco Maran
(Transports Deputy, Milan Government)
- * Global Alliance in low-income Countries: is there a role for NGO?
Fabio Manenti
(Medici con l'Africa - Cuamm - NGO)
- * Global Alliance and Research: a possible option
Federico Cheli
(Politecnico of Milan)

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Acute Care Surgery Course on visceral & gastrointestinal EMERGENCIES (non-trauma)



March 17–18, 2014

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 present to the emergency room.

Course director: Prof. Dr. S. Uranus

Course language: English

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, Phone: +43(0)316 385 83232, Fax: +43(0)316 385 16845

Information: <http://www.chirurgischeforschung.at/en/akutchirurgie--acute-care-surgery.html>

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

MUSEC Course (Modular Ultrasound ESTES Course)

Milan, Italy

December 13-14, 2013

Information and registration: musec@thesoundofthebody.it

Trauma Update 2013

Milan, Italy

December 16, 2013

Information and registration: info@noemacongressi.it

MUSEC Course (Modular Ultrasound ESTES Course)

Lugano, Switzerland

January 11, 2014

Information and registration: musec@thesoundofthebody.eu

Acute Care Surgery Course on Visceral & Gastrointestinal Emergencies

Graz, Austria

March 17–18, 2014

Information and registration: i.prassl@medunigraz.at

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