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Message from the General Secretary

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Since the successful annual meeting in Frankfurt, a number of new initiatives have been proposed by our members. They concern prehospital trauma care, trauma registries, and transnational trauma networks. The actual dimension and activities of our society are hardly comparable with those of the year 2007, when ESTES was formed. We started with ten national societies as only members; today we have 30 institutional and ca. 800 individual members.

The governing bodies of ESTES are the Executive Board, the Large Board which represents the delegates of all institutional members, four sections, the educational and different ad hoc committees. It became increasingly clear that the communication among these bodies of our organization should be adapted to our new dimension.

The Executive Board therefore started a process to change of the bylaws. In a first step, the board defined the goals of improvement. Three issues were identified: the membership rules, the role of the large board and the voting regulation within the General Assembly. First, in the existing bylaws, it remains unclear who is a member of ESTES. Are individual members of the national societies, which are an institutional member of ESTES, members of our society as well? Second, how can we improve the input of our institutional members (national societies) and sections in the activities of ESTES? Third, do institutional members, which partially represent more than a thousand members, have the same voting rights as individual members?

All these aspects have been taken into account during the preparation of proposals for change of the existing bylaws. During summer, all of you must have been invited to visit the General Assembly, which was scheduled for October 31st in Berlin. In this meeting, the proposals for change were discussed paragraph per paragraph. Additional opinions, which came from the members and reached the executive board via e-mail, were also discussed. The most important proposals for change have been accepted very well during this discussion. First, only paying individual members and our institutional members as such, but not their members, will be regarded as full members and have voting rights at the General Assembly. Second, the Large Board will be transformed into an Advisory Council with its own regulations and with a delegate in the Executive Board. Third, the number of votes contributed to our institutional members will be proportional to the number of their members.
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As the numbers of attendees of the General Assembly of October 31st was far below two thirds of our members, the compulsory two-thirds majority was not reached. We therefore will call for an extra-ordinary General Assembly at the first day of our ECTES 2015 meeting in Amsterdam. All members will receive the old version and the proposed changes well before this meeting, so that all of you can participate actively in this discussion. We will hopefully receive a two-thirds majority of the attendees of this extra-ordinary General Assembly at the end of the meeting.

Dear colleagues and friends, ESTES is rapidly moving forward. With an increasing number of members and activities, the expectations from the trauma and emergency surgery community are also growing. With the new bylaws, we hope to make ESTES fit for the next decade. We therefore kindly invite you to actively participate in this important move forward

With kind regards,

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Pol M. Rommens
ESTES General Secretary
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The RAI Housing Service Amsterdam has secured a large number of hotel rooms close to the congress venue and the city center. Early hotel booking is highly recommended! You can conveniently book your hotel room upon online registration!
We look forward to welcoming you to ECTES 2015 in Amsterdam!

Sincerely,

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European Trauma Course (ETC) in Mainz, Germany
March 10–12, 2015 – German Speaking Course

European Trauma Course
The European Trauma Course (ETC) is a project of the European Trauma Course Organisation (ETCO). It is a two-and-a-half-day simulation-based, hands-on course. The course is mainly practical and the candidates will be led in small groups through scenarios of increasing difficulty.

What's new?
• The ETC provides training for individuals and teams.
• Lecture time is kept to a minimum and emphasis is placed on hands-on scenario training.
• The ETC meets the requirement of adult education.
• It implements model-based simulators.

ETCO – International Working Group
The ETC is continuously developed by the ETCO. This is a group of internationally recognised experts coming from all specialties involved in trauma care. The following organisations are represented in the Working Group and certify the course:

ESTES (European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery)
EuSEM (European Society of Emergency Medicine)
ESA (European Society of Anaesthesiology)
ERC (European Resuscitation Council)
CMC (ETC – Course Management Committee)

Aims
After successful completion of the course, the candidates will be able to manage a trauma scenario as team leader. They will also be able to understand their role in a trauma team.

Course material
The ETC course manual will be sent to the candidates 4 weeks before the course commences.

Candidates
Physicians from all specialties and training grades involved in the care of major trauma and experienced nurses and paramedics up to a maximum number of 24 are welcome.

Assessment
In order to successfully complete the course, every candidate has to undergo a final assessment on the final day of the course.
Certificates
Will be issued to the successful candidates at the end of the course.

Dates and venue
March 10–12, 2015
University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
Langenbeckstr. 1
55131 Mainz
Germany

Fees
950 euro per participant (includes catering during the course hours and 1 course dinner)

Registration
Due to the course structure, mainly teaching in small groups (4:2), the number of candidates is limited to 24. Registration is successful following money transfer and confirmation by email.

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Background information
Injury is the leading cause of death and disability in the young. The European Section of the WHO recently pointed out that modern trauma care may decrease the mortality rate of injury by 30%. This depends on a well-performing chain of survival commencing from the site of the accident to the place of definitive treatment.
The initial management of trauma patients in the Emergency Department is a crucial link in this chain depending on a well-functioning team and excellent cooperation between the specialties involved. Initial management is no longer a fixed sequence of interventions, following the classical A, B, C, D’s strictly, but a variable set of procedures carried out simultaneously and adapted to the severity of the patient’s condition. It is a number of processes running in parallel, and clearly these processes need to be well organised to effectively manage trauma.

Teaching and training are necessary to understand the processes and their organisation, which in turn is indispensable to enable each team member to fill in his/her role within the trauma team. The growing appreciation that good trauma care makes a difference in survival and the increasing complexity of the care process have generated a demand for a new type of education.
Acute Care Surgery Course on Visceral & Gastrointestinal Emergencies (Nontrauma)

March 16-17, 2015

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 nontraumatic 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. 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.–

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February 25–27, 2015
www.dstf-france.fr

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Paris, France
March 13–14, 2015
www.sfcu.fr

GAMET 2015
Chennai, India
March 26–29, 2015
www.gamet2015.com

4th Swiss Trauma & Resuscitation Day
Bern, Switzerland
March 27, 2015
www.swiss-trauma.ch

2nd Congress of the Pan-Ukrainian Association of Traumatology and Osteosynthesis
Kiev, Ukraine
April 23–25, 2015
www.uato.com.ua

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