Dear ESTES friends,

We hope that the year 2017 started well for all of you. Meanwhile, we can look back at another very active and successful year for our Society. After the new bylaws were published in the Belgian State Gazette on December 16th of the year 2015, last year completely stood under the influence of the new regulations. A large number of activities have been successfully accomplished:

• The Belgian Orthopedic Trauma Association (BOTA) has been welcomed as the 32nd institutional member.
• For the first time since its creation, the general assembly agreed to raise the fees of individual and institutional membership by 20%. This will give more income to ESTES and better financial security for its activities.
• The impact factor of our European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery has risen to 0.472, coming from 0.388 in the year 2013 and 0.346 in the year 2014. The number of submitted articles and downloads continues to increase thanks to the appearance of our journal in the PubMed databank.
• To enhance visibility of ESTES for our industrial partners and to improve support from medical suppliers and sponsors, a 3-year contract has been prepared and signed between our professional congress organizer Mondial and Intercongress Gmbh. The first results of this initiative will hopefully be visible at ECTES 2017 in Bucharest.
• Several members and ex-members of the executive board of ESTES attended and lectured at the third World Trauma Congress, which was held in New Delhi from August 17–20, 2016. The congress was especially well attended by trauma surgeons from India and Asia Pacific and sent a very important call to the local and regional political authorities for better prevention of accidents and improve trauma care in their countries.
• We had a very successful 17th annual scientific meeting of our society in Vienna, organized by Prof. Kdolsky and his Viennese colleagues.
• For the first time at ECTES 2016 in Vienna, the European Board of Surgery Qualification Exams in Emergency Surgery and in Trauma Surgery were organized along with our annual meeting. This sends the important message to our younger generation that ESTES can be regarded as “the” European reference organization for trauma and emergency surgery.
At the annual meeting of EFORT, which was held June 1–3, 2016 in Geneva, ESTES organized a guest symposium on “Organization of Trauma Care in Europe”. The session was well attended by an international public of orthopedic trauma surgeons. This was the eighth time in a row (since 2009) that ESTES organized a guest symposium at the EFORT. We aim to intensify our professional and society contacts with a “sister organization” in this way.

The Emergency Surgery Course (ESC®) Manual, the official ESTES/AAST guide, which was edited by several ESTES executive board members in cooperation with the board of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) and printed by Springer, was launched in spring 2016.

The fourth edition of the European guideline on the management of major bleeding and coagulopathy following trauma has been elaborated with scientific input of our ESTES member Prof. Radko Komadina and published in the journal Critical Care.

ESTES guidelines on acute mesenterial ischemia, which have been elaborated by the ESTES section on emergency surgery, and ESTES recommendations on hip fractures, which have been prepared by the ESTES section of skeletal trauma and sports medicine, have been published in our official journal.

The advisory council has started its activities under the chairmanship of Dr. Mauro Zago. To facilitate communication between the members, contracts with WebEx have been signed, which enable online conferences of up to 100 persons.

We may conclude that the year 2016 was full of smaller and larger achievements, which gave ESTES more relevance and higher profile. We start the year 2017 with new ideas and perspectives to even go beyond what we have already achieved. For this, we need your input and vision. Be an active member of ESTES and help us to realize our long-term goal of a high quality trauma and emergency surgical care for our critically ill patients throughout Europe.

With kind regards,
Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c. Pol M. Rommens
ESTES Secretary General
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We look forward to welcoming you to the 18th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery from May 7–9, 2017 in Bucharest!

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**Course director:** S. Uranues, MD, Dr.h.c., FACS

**Course language:** English

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Announcements

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Graz, Austria
March 13–14, 2017

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Gothenburg, Sweden
March 21–23, 2017

5th Croatian Trauma Congress 2017
Zagreb, Croatia
March 23–25, 2017

Workshop on Visceral Trauma – Definitive Surgery for Trauma Care
Graz, Austria
September 25–26, 2017

53. Jahrestagung der ÖGU
Salzburg, Austria
October 5–7, 2017

DKOU 2017
Berlin, Germany
October 24–27, 2017
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