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Message from the General Secretary

Dear colleagues and friends,

First I wish you a happy and healthy New Year and hope that all your personal and professional plans can be realized this year.

At our successful annual congress in Bucharest we looked back on 10 years of ESTES. In 2007 our society was founded as a fusion of the European Trauma Society (ETS) and the European Association of Trauma and Acute Surgery (EATES). Our common background was acute care but there were important differences. The EATES had a focus on acute surgery (abdominal, vascular, trauma) and ETS on trauma surgery. With the founding of ESTES, we started with different sections within the society. At this moment we have 5 sections: emergency surgery, military and disaster, abdominal trauma, skeletal trauma and sports medicine and polytrauma. In the first 10 years, ESTES was very successful in creating an important international congress on these topics. There were several initiatives on European courses, guidelines and recommendations. Many members had the feeling of entering into a real European network and we succeeded in creating a society where all these different backgrounds could live together. As our honorary member and former president Ari Lippaeniemi mentioned, ESTES must become the telephone number of Trauma and Acute Surgery in Europe.

Because of the fusion of two different societies, we were until now very alert to maintain the balance. After a president with an EATES background, an ETS candidate had to follow. This was very wise for the first years but it is not enough for the future. The challenge for upcoming years is to create a common goal for all members—in other words to create a formula where 1+1 is more than 2. This task will be the focus of the executive board in the upcoming years. We have to discuss what the connection between trauma and acute surgery is. We all know that we need all players to improve trauma and acute care in Europe. Of course there are some fields where it is clear who takes care of a patient. In case of a lower leg fracture this is the trauma surgeon and acute cholecystitis is treated by the acute surgeon. But what about a polytraumatized patient, who takes care of them? There are different systems established in the various European countries. This may be our focus where we are in charge to improve the care of our patients and it will create a clear focus of our society for colleagues, the public and our industrial partners. We represent 33 European national societies of trauma or acute care and we have more than 850 individual members.

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Another topic for the future is how we have to organize our annual congress. The support from our industrial partner has changed a lot. There are new compliance rules that we have to deal with and there are other European congresses with, for instance, a clear focus on trauma and orthopedic surgery. This is another reason why it is necessary to create a clear focus for our society. To reduce the cost, we have to think about alternative ways of organizing the congress.

I am sure that we will successfully handle all these tasks if we work together as trauma and acute surgeons to improve the care of our patients.

Klaus W. Wendt, MD PhD

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19th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery

May 6 – 8, 2018
Palacio de Congresos de Valencia
Valencia, Spain

Register NOW for the ECTES 2018!

Benefit from the **Early Registration Fees*** that run only **until February 16, 2018** and save up to 70 Euros! Afterwards Regular Registration Fees will apply. To get to the online registration platform, please visit the congress website www.estesonline.org/registration

* Please note that the day of payment is decisive for the registration fee, not the day of registration.

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Individual Member ESTES	€ 380
Institutional Member ESTES	€ 410
Member ESTES Resident	€ 190
Non-Member	€ 490
Non-Member Resident	€ 275
Invited Guest Society (India)	€ 380
Nursing Staff	€ 185
Student	€ 95
Day Ticket	€ 235

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Besides scientific sessions, the programme will also feature Satellite Symposia and pre-congress courses. To get a first impression of what ECTES 2018 in Valencia has to offer, please take a look here <http://www.estesonline.org/scientific-programme-2/>.

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

5th Innovative Trauma & Reconstruction Solutions Congress

January 25–27, 2018

Seefeld, Austria

MUSEC: Curso Modular de Ecografía Abdominal

A Coruña, Spain

February 24, 2018

36th SITEMSH Congress

Arosa, Switzerland

March 13–15, 2018

7th Swiss Trauma and Acute Surgery Days 2018

Bern, Switzerland

March 16–17, 2018

Emergency Surgery Course (ESC)

Graz, Austria

March 19–20, 2018

Trauma Course

Graz, Austria

April 9–10, 2018

ECTES 2018

Valencia, Spain

May 6–8, 2018

EVTM Symposium

Örebro, Sweden

June 7–9, 2018

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Workshop on Visceral Trauma (Definitive Surgical Trauma Care)

Graz, Austria

September 17–18, 2018

54. ÖGU Jahrestagung

Salzburg, Austria

October 4–6, 2018

DKOU 2018

Berlin, Germany

October 23–26, 2018

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

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