Message from the President

Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends!

Welcome to the second issue of the ESTES News 2.2011! If you have not received the first issue, please look at our homepage www.estesonline.org or contact the society’s office to ensure your access! The society depends on good communications, updates on ongoing developments and your active contribution!

In this issue you will find some event pictures and the report of the congress president Mauro Zago and the congress general secretary Hayato Kurihara as a reminder of the importance of such European and international scientific meetings in the field of trauma and emergency surgery. Furthermore, you will find the impressions of the ECTES Congress in Milan contributed by two young surgeons, Birgit Auner and Thomas Lustenberger. It is of the utmost importance to fascinate and encourage young surgeons to work in the field of trauma and emergency surgery and to provide them with profound and interesting facts and tips.

The abstracts of the 12th ECTES congress in Milan are online available at www.ejtes.springer.de, the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery’s website, as open access publications in order to inform your colleagues (http://www.springerlink.com/content/1863-9933/37/s1/). Please take the time to visit our journal’s web page, scroll through the contents and special topics and share interesting publications with your colleagues to consider them for their scientific world. It is only with joint efforts that the increased Impact Factor this year (0.25) will increase substantially. Even though the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery is becoming more and more visible, we need high-quality publications for our scientific work. With that goal in mind, I would like to encourage you to subscribe to the free content alert for the EJTES. Detailed information on how to proceed is provided in this issue of ESTES News.

The European Society for Trauma and Emergency works together with all engaged societies in order to improve trauma care. Accordingly, ESTES organized a symposium during the 12th EFORT Congress in Copenhagen on the topic of “Fractures With Soft Tissue Injury” with lectures by Pol Rommens, Marius Keel, Stefaan Njis and myself. The meeting was well attended, with a fruitful discussion. Prof. Marzi as the president of ESTES was awarded the EFORT Corresponding Fellowship, demonstrating the close relationship between the societies. In addition, ESTES and EFORT agreed during a joint delegate meeting to further increase their cooperation, e.g. through exchange sessions and close contacts in order to promote quality in trauma care. The next exchange meetings will take place in Basel (ESTES) and Berlin (EFORT) in spring 2012.
In this respect, please consider further joint meetings with national societies that could be listed on our homepage and in the ESTES News. The steps to our next Society congress, the 13th European Congress for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ECTES), to be held in Basel, Switzerland on May 12–15, 2012, are already drawing near. Please keep the deadlines for abstract submission and registration in mind as indicated and updated on www.estescongress2012.org.

Please use our Journal communication options, such as our website www.estesonline.org, the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery site (www.ejtes.springer.de), and our new communication format the ESTES News for information, ideas and discussions, and submit your contributions to our office in Vienna (office@estesonline.org) or myself.

With best regards

Prof. Dr. Ingo Marzi
President of ESTES 2011/12
Summary of the ESTES 2011 Congress in Milan

More than 1350 people took part in the 12th ESTES Congress in Milan on April 27-30. Eighty of them also attended the pre-congress courses: the MRMI ESTES Course at San Raffaele Hospital, the first Italian DSTC Course and the US Courses at San Gerardo Hospital in Monza. The high scientific level and friendly atmosphere were the most frequently heard comments among the participants: as organizers, we could not hope for better feedback. The motto of the Meeting (“Feeding Brains, Training for Life”) was embraced by the attendees and the lecturers in all sessions, and it seems with good results.

Some innovations in the Meeting context, like the Joint and Interactive sessions and the Twelve-to-Twelve lectures, were very well received. Case report awards were also introduced, joining the traditional awards for the best oral presentations, posters and paper published on EJTES.

It’s very hard to say what was better from the scientific point of view: surely every doctor has many tricks to improve the care for his or her patients in daily practice, and that’s just how it should be. Let us then just point out a few highlights: the second round of the ESTES Consensus Conference on Polytrauma definition, the joint and specific sessions on pelvic trauma management, a cutting-edge acute pancreatitis update, peace and war surgery face to face, the interactive sessions on difficult trauma cases and on the new guidelines on laparoscopy for emergencies. But these are only a sampling of the topics covered.

A particular topic, trauma and acute care surgery organization and training in difficult settings, was presented from different perspective by representatives of three NGOs: the Cinterandes Foundation, Médecins sans Frontières, and Emergency. We are very happy to have given them the opportunity to join ESTES, and to lay the groundwork for even more effective cooperation in the near future.

The social events included a number of special guests: Leonardo da Vinci at the Presidential Dinner, Egyptian Medicine and the Mummy for the Opening Ceremony, the “Injured Muppet” at the Closing Ceremony, the “ESTES cake” at the Farewell Dinner, but no one can forget the three Tenors at the Italian Evening at Villa Valera!

An official and “Impact Factor targeted” thanks to all who contributed to this successful Meeting: the Mondial staff, Guest Societies which organized very interesting Symposia (SIS-E, EFOST, Kuntscher Society, AO Europe, AO Italy, SIC, ACOI, SIFIPAC, SICE, SICUT), all the ESTES Board, the LOC, AIM, Fiera Milano Congressi, and all the Sponsors and Exhibitors who made the event possible.

Don’t miss the next ESTES Congress in Basel 2012!

Mauro Zago, Congress President
Hayato Kurihara, Congress General Secretary
Feeding Brains, Training for Life

The ESTES congress 2011 in Milano: The View of Young Surgeons

“The experienced trauma surgeon runs to the operating room if his patient with a penetrating abdominal wound shows signs of peritonitis – the inexperienced surgeon, however, walks to the operating room”. This is just one precious piece of advice some of the most experienced trauma surgeons gave us during the meeting in Milan. It was impressive to see and to listen to these “big guns” of trauma surgery and a most valuable experience to share in their vast clinical expertise. Professor J. Asensio from Miami shared with us his experience in performing emergency department thoracotomies and presented exciting pictures and films; Professor A. Wilson from London gave us insights into his findings in pre-hospital emergency thoracotomies performed in the United Kingdom; and finally in this session on thoracic damage control surgery, Professor Peitzman from Pittsburgh discussed case scenarios with experts from all over the world. It was interesting to follow the discussions between experts, like the Consensus Conference on Polytrauma Definition, and even more exciting for us young surgeons to actually take part in interactive sessions like “Tricks and Tips for Trauma Surgeons” or “Team Training and Non Technical Skills in Emergency situations”. It was reassuring to see that even these current leaders in trauma surgery did not always know the answer to clinical problems right away; it was good to see that even they were sometimes on the wrong track, however, reassuring to also see that many different approaches can lead to appropriate solutions.

But there were many other stimulating talks and lectures such as the Twelve-to-Twelve sessions, in which our minds were fed before our bellies were. I especially remember Prof. Keel’s (Berne) lecture focusing on the question whether the early total care concept is still up to date, and Prof. Fingerhut’s talk on the surgical ego in emergency settings. However, there were a variety of great presentations on the latest advances in skeletal and visceral trauma, basic sciences, disaster medicine, etc. – it’s impossible to mention them all. It was often tough to decide which presentation to attend because so many fantastic and interesting ones were running at the same time.

Besides the great learning opportunity, the ESTES Congress in Milan gave us the opportunity to present our own research work and to discuss it with a great audience. It was the ideal platform for getting in touch with other young surgeons from all over the world, and for establishing contacts with other research groups by discussing their scientific oral and poster presentations.

And finally, it would have been a pity to miss out on “feeding our souls” with the history and art of Milan, feeling the atmosphere of this city. Well-nourished, we are now looking forward to seeing you in Basel in 2012!

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CONGRATULATIONS
to all prize winners at the ESTES 2011 Congress!

Best Oral Presentation Winners

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University of Pennsylvania, Department of Surgery, Division of Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care, and Emergency Surgery, 3400 Spruce St., 19104 Philadelphia, United States |
| 2nd Prize | Changes of coagulation factor patterns in the early course after multiple injuries | Mr. Manuel Burggraf  
University Hospital of Essen, Department of Trauma Surgery, Hufelandstr. 55, 45147, Essen, Germany |
| 3rd Prize | Fixator-assisted nailing in fractures of the forearm shaft in adults | Dr. Alexander Chelnokov  
Ural Scientific Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedics, Orthopaedic Trauma, 7, Bankovsky str., 620014, Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation |

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UMC Utrecht, Albert van Dalsumlaan 95, 3584HB, Utrecht, The Netherlands |
| 2nd Prize | The perception of junior doctors with an interest in trauma on the current level of education and management of trauma in the United Kingdom. | Mr. Abison Logeswaran  
Imperial College London, South Kensington Campus, London SW7 2AZ, UK |
| 3rd Prize | Treatment of periprosthetic femoral fractures by retrograde stem lengthening | Dr. Alexander Chelnokov  
Ural Scientific Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedics, Orthopaedic Trauma, 7, Bankovsky str., 620014, Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation |
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J. Altrichter presenting his article at the ESTES 2011 Closing Ceremony

J. Altrichter at the awarding of the EJTES – ESTES prize
Announcements

ESTES Postgraduate Course
Medical Response to Major Incidents (MRMI)

16th to 18th of September 2011
Slavonski Brod, Croatia

Under the auspices of the Crisis Headquarters of Ministry of Health – Croatia

Croatian Urgent Medicine and Surgery Association
Slovenian Society of Trauma Surgeons

Course venue: Mechanical Engineering Faculty Slavonski Brod
Official language: English

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Hotel accommodation: contact boris hreckovski

Course President: Sten Lennquist
Course Director: Boris Hreckovski

Secretary: Josip Samardzic

Organizing Committee: Ante Zvonimir Golem, Ivan Medved, Antoinette Kaic-Rak, Radko Komadina, Vladimir Senekovic, Drazan Kozak, Danijel Marušić, Milan Bitunjac, Mirko Duspara, Ivica Ostrun, Ružica Vidakovic, Zvonimir Lovric, Tedi Cicvaric, Blanka Šabolić Kormendy, Jasmina Kopić, Pavo Baricic, Zlatko Mihic, Mario Kopljar

Scientific Committee: Bob Dobson, Mark Loades, Carl Montan, Kristina Lennquist, Montan, Leon Maglic, Roberto Faccincani, Branka Bardak, Simon Herman, Andrej Strahovnik

Background and aims of the course
The medical response to major incidents is a chain of many components: Prehospital response, transport, hospital response, communication, coordination & command. The outcome of the response is dependent of the function of all these components, and also (which is important) how they function together. Consequently, effective and realistic training and evaluation of the medical response can not be done by training of one...
isolated component: The different functions must be trained together to make possible an accurate evaluation of the outcome, as a base for learning and further development of the methodology.

A way to achieve this is to use advanced simulation models. In such models, special emphasis can be put on any of the components in the chain, but all the other components also have to be illustrated and involved to permit a complete and realistic training and also an accurate evaluation of the outcome with regard to mortality and complications. The aim of the present course is to illustrate and teach a methodology that can be used to achieve these goals. This methodology can be used for training and evaluation of any organisation and any way or working and is thereby widely applicable.
Visit the ESTES Session at the DKOU 2011!

Deutscher Kongress für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie
25th to 28th of October 2011
Berlin, Germany

Congress website: www.dkou.org

ESTES Session organized by I. Marzi:

Life Threatening Blunt Trauma, a European Perspective
Wednesday, October 26th 2011, 14:30 – 16:00

Chair: Marzi I, Frankfurt a. M., Germany, Rommens P.M., Mainz

Thoracic Injuries  Leenen L., Utrecht, The Netherlands
Hepatic Trauma  Taviloglu K., Istanbul, Turkey
Splenic Trauma  Nijs S., Leuven, Belgium
Pancreato-Duodenal Injuries  Leppäniemi A., Helsinki, Finland
Pelvic Trauma  Rommens P. M., Mainz, Germany
Vascular Trauma  Schmitz-Rixen T., Frankfurt a. M., Germany

After this ESTES Session on Wednesday, October 26th, at 16:30 to 18:00, Room Columbus, there will be an informal ESTES Meeting for the attending Members of ESTES at the DKOU. Please come to this meeting if you are in Berlin to discuss actual and future issues of ESTES!

Upcoming related congresses

International Surgical Week 2011
28th of August to 1st of September 2011
Yokohama, Japan
www.iss-sic.ch/international.htm

American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Annual Meeting
14th to 17th of September 2011
Chicago, USA
www.aast.org

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