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Message from the Vice-President

Promoting the ESTES Brand

ESTES exists to provide an integrated approach to the trauma and acute care surgical patient: the "Perfect Patient Pathway" as it has been called. This is our brand and ESTES is uniquely placed to deliver it. In a global society, where the practice of modern medicine is delivered by multidisciplinary teams, it is important that ESTES works in partnership with other international specialist organisations to achieve our common goals.

The most recent example of such a collaboration is the Emergency Surgery Course® (ESC®). This two-day course, designed to aid surgeons in nontrauma emergency surgery by providing the know-how and the decision-making skills necessary for daily practice, is a joint initiative of ESTES and the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST). The course had its origins back in 2010 with many members of both societies contributing to the course manual which was published in 2016. The steering group comprised of Abe Fingerhut, Ari Leppaniemi, Eric Voiglio and myself from ESTES and Andy Peitzman, Raul Coimbra, David Spain and initially Tom Scalea and subsequently David Feliciano from the AAST have worked well together over the past five years to create a course that provides the knowledge to aid timely diagnosis and decision making, and tips and tricks to improve the skills of the general surgeon to deal with surgical emergencies. This is achieved through a combination of interactive theoretical sessions, case scenarios and state-of-the-art videos.

Thanks to the hard work of local course director Hayato Kurihara, the ESC® was launched in Milan at the beginning of February with 27 students as well as observers including several of the residency programme directors from across Italy. It was a resounding success with extremely positive feedback from all those who took part. The next course is scheduled for Baltimore, Maryland, USA in April. This will also promote the ESTES brand in the USA. Further details of the course can be found on the ESTES website (www.estesonline.org).

The European Trauma Course, which focuses on the team approach to the management of the trauma patient in the emergency room, is another success for the ESTES brand. It is the result of an ongoing partnership between ESTES, the European Resuscitation Council, the European Society of Anaesthesiology and the European Society for Emergency Medicine. This collaboration started in 2004 and the first course was held in Ghent in 2008.

While the majority of the courses are now run in the UK, Germany and Austria, last year alone a total of 119 courses were run in 19 different countries and over 2,000 successful candidates received their provider certificates. The ETC has expanded beyond the boundaries of Europe and plans are well underway to take the course to Brazil in May, which has been a long-term aim of Carlos Mesquita, the ESTES president-elect.

I had been looking forward to directing the course in Khartoum at the invitation of the Sudanese Resuscitation Council in February and attending the 44th International Scientific Conference of the Sudanese Association of Surgeons, but unfortunately, due to the civil unrest in the country, the course and the conference had to be cancelled. I hope that a peaceful solution is found and look forward to visiting the country when circumstances permit.

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The ESTES brand has been further enhanced by the Modular Ultrasound ESTES Course (MUSEC). Since the first course in Lyon in 2013, it continues to be very strong. It has now been held 59 times in 12 different countries and 875 participants have studied a total of 146 modules. The course relies heavily on the enthusiasm and commitment of its faculty which is drawn from eight different countries. The e-learning platform allows two-thirds of the time on the course to be spent developing hands-on practical skills with a high ratio of instructors to students (1:4). It also allows online pre- and post-course assessments to confirm the effectiveness of the teaching and learning.

The annual Congress is the flagship of the ESTES brand. This year it will be held in Prague in the Czech Republic. I have visited Prague twice: the first time when Vaclav Havel was president of Czechoslovakia and the second was for a meeting of the scientific committee in preparation for the Congress. Both were in the depths of winter and bitterly cold. I am looking forward to seeing Prague in the spring when the weather is warmer and the city is even more beautiful. A lot of work has gone into making the 20th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery in Prague from 5–7th May a success. I look forward to seeing you there.

Jonathan Tilsed
Vice-President
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Emergency Surgery Course faculty, participants and observers. Milan, February 2019.



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Dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the **20th Congress of the European Society of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES)** which will be held from 5–7 May 2019 in Prague.

The congress has two aspects: first, to present and to discuss the newest diagnostic and therapeutic approaches in the treatment of trauma and emergency surgery, to report evidence-based results, to discuss them and to address controversies. Second, to bring people together for a close partnership or even friendship, to exchange experience and to establish scientific cooperation. For all this, Prague provides ample opportunities as well as a unique ambience.

We have made an effort to process remarks and comments from the international faculty and the participants of the previous congresses to further improve the quality of the scientific sessions and discussion rounds. Also, we want to place emphasis on case discussions.

After having India as a Guest Nation in Valencia last year it is a great pleasure to announce Japan as a Guest Nation in Prague. It will be a great opportunity to lecture two combined sessions with our Japanese friends.

Please find the preliminary programme as well as further information on the congress at www.estesonline.org. More information about the broad pre-congress courses will follow soon.

Looking forward to seeing you in Prague in May 2019,

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

EVTM Workshop

May 2–3, 2019
Örebro, Sweden

EU RU EVT M Meeting

June 6, 2019
St. Petersburg, Russia

Workshop on Visceral Trauma – Definitive Surgery

September 16–17, 2019
Graz, Austria

Pan-American EVT M Symposium

November 17–18, 2019
Denver, Colorado, United States of America

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