Message from the Past President

Thank you and fare well!

Dear Colleagues,

With this message, shortly after our highly successful meeting in Frankfurt, I wish to thank you all for the trust you gave me, now little more than a year ago, to be the president of your society. It has been a turbulent year with many processes initiated to change our society and build on a sustainable organization, ready to take on the challenges of the coming years.

More and more we grow as a society that has the acutely traumatized and sick surgical patient as its common ground. We started to change the workings of the society with a process to change the bylaws in order to make our society more flexible and ready to react to changes in society as a whole. We have increasingly endorsed the educational efforts of the society and therefore changed the original educational section into a permanent committee, to have even more and better possibilities to incorporate modern educational principals in all the activities of the society. Our courses have been further substantiated. The European Trauma course has had its first official course manual published and the Emergency Surgery course was further broadened and received a transatlantic flavor as the American Association for the Surgery on trauma will also join the current effort.

More changes however have taken place. The society has broadened further to the east and to the north; in addition to national societies also institutions such as the Norwegian Trauma Competency Service are now involved; more individual members have been welcomed and even more international members from outside Europe have joined our society.

The congress in Frankfurt was a tremendous succes and I want to congratulate Prof. Marzi and his team on this great effort and achievement. A huge number of professionals from all over the world gathered to gain the newest and best information on the care of our patients. It was the podium for the exchange of the newest research and findings in the field and many new friendships were built. The collaboration with the World Coalition for Trauma Care, manifested with the joint second World Trauma Congress held in Frankfurt, placed the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery in the spotlight on the world podium. I sincerely hope that our activities, not in the least by our annual congress, will inspire many young people to take up a career in trauma and/or emergency surgery, for the benefit of our patients.
It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the society in the past year as your president. I wish the current president Ari Leppäniemi much wisdom and good luck in his office for the coming year. I myself will serve our society as a past president for another year and hope to meet many of you at one of our many activities.

Sincerely Yours,
Prof. Dr. Luke Leenen, FACS
Past President of ESTES
Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

**EBJIS 2014 - 33rd annual meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society**
Utrecht, The Netherlands
October 23–26, 2012
http://ebjis2014.org/

**50. ÖGU Jahrestagung (50th Annual Congress of the Austrian Trauma Society)**
Salzburg, Austria
October 2–4, 2014
http://ogu14.unfallchirurgen.at/

**MUSEC – Modular UltraSound ESTES Course**
Rome, Italy
October 11, 2014
Registration: musec@thesoundofthebody.eu

**DKOU 2014**
Berlin, Germany
October 28–31, 2014
http://www.dkou.org/dkou2014

**MUSEC – Modular UltraSound ESTES Course**
Rome, Italy
November 19, 2014
Registration: musec@thesoundofthebody.eu

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