Message from the Past President

Dear members of ESTES, dear friends and colleagues,

A year full of new ideas, impressions, and plans has passed. As a society, we have made much progress in various areas of expertise:

Cooperation with societies
We tightened our relationships with Ukraine and other societies and countries, such as Albania.

Education
1. UEMS (Union of European Medical Societies)—it was decided at the meeting in Warsaw in 2015 that the European training will be standardized for Trauma Surgery.

2. During the ECTES 2016 Vienna meeting, we have started to incorporate the European Board of Surgery Qualification (EBSQ) exams. European Board Exams for Trauma Surgery and for Emergency Surgery will be organized and offered at all upcoming ECTES.

Sections
The new Polytrauma section has started working and since July 2015, all published guidelines have been available on the ESTES website. Moreover, a new project to standardize data collection has been initiated. Preliminary results were presented during the first meeting in Frankfurt in February 2016, and the innovations during the past Vienna meeting.

Politics
On an international level, we had to learn that what used to be a major concern of ours—improvement of the care of traffic and work-related injuries—is no longer the focus. Instead, various terrorist attacks have been an eye opener: they can happen any time, cause numerous severe injuries at the same time, and represent the most important current challenge in terms of rescue and acute management of severely injured.
Since the Brussels attack, we have recognized that terrorists plan to include nuclear power plants into their strategy; hence we are facing a global threat. We as a society might have to be even more perceptive and bring the medical response to these terrorist attacks more into our focus.

On the personal level, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the society for the honor of having been able to serve as president. Numerous interactions and discussions have been fruitful and positive. I will continue to be available to work with this great society to improve the management of our acutely injured patients.

Hans-Christoph Pape
ESTES Past President
Dear colleagues,

After ECTES 2016 in Vienna, Austria, we are now looking forward to ECTES 2017 in Bucharest, Romania, which will take place from May 7–9, 2017.

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The abstract submission starts on **Monday, August 29, 2016**.
All necessary information regarding topics and submission details can be found on the website (www.estesonline.org).

A Preliminary Scientific Programme (including keynote speakers and preliminary session details) will be available online by September 2016.

We look forward to meeting you in Bucharest.

Sincerely,

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Bidding Process for ECTES 2019

The bidding process for ECTES 2019 has started. Take the chance to bring the congress to your country!

Some of the prerequisites:

- The application has to be brought forward by a single person (the potential congress president), officially representing his/her national society which should be an institutional member of ESTES.
- The host city shall be easily accessible with daily (direct) flight connections from most European capital cities.
- The date of the congress shall fall within the three month period March, April, May.
- The congress shall take place from Sunday to Tuesday. On Saturday, on the day prior to the congress, the ESTES Board Meeting shall convene.

**Deadlines:**

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More detailed information about the bidding process, the timeline and the venue concept can be found on the ESTES website: [http://www.estesonline.org/bidding-process/](http://www.estesonline.org/bidding-process/)

We look forward to receiving your application!
The Critical Surgical Abdomen Consensus Conference will take place in Dublin on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 and will bring together key opinion leaders at the cutting edge of surgery and critical care under the umbrella primarily of the World Society of Emergency Surgery but also the Abdominal Compartment Society. A dynamic 2 days with 40 world leaders as faculty will ensure that participants learn the latest theories and techniques. The meeting will generate consensus guidelines to shape your practice and help your patients. A 2-day meeting will follow in beautiful Lough Eske Castle in Donegal, with a performance Summit and an Emergency Abdominal 1-day surgical course.

**Friday 22nd July 2016 – RCSI, Dublin, Ireland**
Critical Surgical Abdomen Consensus Conference – *indications and benefits of open abdomen in non-trauma patients*

**Saturday 23rd July – RCSI, Dublin, Ireland**
WSES Intra-Abdominal Infection Consensus Conference

**Monday 25th July 2016 – Lough Eske, Donegal, Ireland**
WSES Emergency Surgery Performance Quality & Outcome Consensus Summit

**Tuesday 26th July 2016 - Lough Eske, Donegal, Ireland**
EASC 10th Emergency Abdominal Surgery Course

**Important dates**
- Paper submission deadline: May 1, 2016
- End of early registration: June 1, 2016

For more information: https://www.wses.org.uk/congresses/summer-meeting-2016

We look forward to welcoming you to the Critical Surgical Abdomen Consensus Conference, which promises to be an energetic, exciting and thoroughly engaging event.

Yours sincerely,

The Organising Committee

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**Registration is Open**
Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

**DSTC – Trauma Course**  
Graz, Austria  
September 19–20, 2016  
[http://www.chirurgischeforschung.at/de/visceraltrauma.html](http://www.chirurgischeforschung.at/de/visceraltrauma.html)

**DKOU 2016**  
Berlin, Germany  
October 25–28, 2016  
[http://dkou.org/2016](http://dkou.org/2016)

**EBSQ Examination in Trauma Surgery**  
Berlin, Germany  
October 28, 2016  

**Trauma Days**  
Moscow, Russia  
November 3–4, 2016

More congresses and courses to be found in the [ESTES events calendar](http://www.estesonline.org) at [www.estesonline.org](http://www.estesonline.org)