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## Message from the Past President

*Goodbye and see you in Prague*

Dear colleagues, dear friends of ESTES,

My year as President of ESTES was a great honour as one of the last students of Otmar Trentz. It started in Bucharest and ended with the 19th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery in Valencia. According to the slogan of the congress “Bringing the light” the presidential year and the congress in Valencia brought me, and I hope also for you, new knowledge in trauma and acute care surgery as well as new friends. These three days in Valencia were a great success and demonstrated the new energy and diversity of ESTES. The new sessions such as pros and cons or panel discussion were inspiring. As I pointed out during the opening ceremony, Norman Foster, the architect of the congress center in Valencia, described the best architecture as a “synthesis of different elements such as the structure that hold it up, the services that allow it to function; its ecology, the quality of natural light, the symbolism of the form, the relationship of the building to the skyline or the streetscape, the way you move through or around it, and last but not least its ability to lift the spirits”. In this way, the best acute and trauma care should be also a synthesis of the knowhow and performance of generalists and specialists. In my opinion, surgeons—who are active in acute and or trauma surgery—should be generalists in acute situations and specialists in definitive treatment. Our society must be the European platform for the advanced education of all professionals involved in acute or trauma surgery. We should not discuss the similarities of acute or trauma surgery anymore, we should in future discuss the perfect patient pathway (PPP) of severely injured or surgically ill patients. This idea of the future perspective for our congress was born during the Executive Board Meeting in spring in Amsterdam and was the idea of our new vice president and former president Jonathan Tilsed. I would like to thank him for his great efforts during recent years as well as Eric Voiglio the past vice president for all his enthusiasm during the last eleven years as treasurer, congress president in Lyon in 2013 and as vice president. This year was also characterized by the establishing of the webex meetings of our society, thanks to Mauro Zago for his digital approach. This society would not progress anymore without the tremendous work by our general secretary Klaus Wendt. He has done a great job during his first year. In addition, the congress in Valencia was emotionally special for me as a Swiss because I could honour another Swiss surgeon, Dominik Heim, who was over a decade very active in our society. Furthermore I realized that we could strengthen our relation with some industrial partners. Also in this way let’s start PPP—a “public–private partnership”. Last but not least I would

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like to thank Ingo Marzi for his success with our Journal with hopefully a continued increase of the impact factor every year—also because of your contributions. Finally “muchas gracias” to the congress committee of Valencia Isidro Martinez Casas, Salvi Prat Fabregat and Maria Soledad Monton Condon for their successful congress.

I wish the ESTES a great preparation for the next congress in Prague and hope that more and more national meetings are also established under the umbrella of ESTES. And please do not forget to publish your scientific work in this journal, *the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*, the journal of ESTES!

Yours truly,  
Marius Keel  
Past President of ESTES 2018/2019



From left to right. Michael Rotondo, president of AAST (American Association for Surgery of Trauma), Isidro Martinez Casas, congress president in Valencia, and Marius Keel, president of ESTES 2017/2018

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Dear colleagues,

After *ECTES* 2018 in Valencia, Spain, we are now looking forward to *ECTES* 2019 in Prague, The Czech Republic, which will take place from May 5–7, 2019.

| Important dates to remember                                                                                     |                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, August 27, 2018</b><br>Start abstract submission                                                     | <b>Friday, December 14, 2018</b><br>Notification of abstract acceptance                                    |
| <b>Friday, October 19, 2018</b><br>Deadline for abstract submission                                             | <b>Friday, February 15, 2019</b><br>Deadline for early bird registration fee,<br>registration cancellation |
| <b>Monday, November 26, 2018</b><br>Start online registration                                                   | <b>Friday, April 19, 2019</b><br>End of regular fee                                                        |
| <b>Sunday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 7, 2019</b><br>20 <sup>th</sup> European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery |                                                                                                            |

The **abstract submission** starts on **Monday, August 27, 2018**.

All necessary information regarding topics and submission details can be found on the website: [www.estesonline.org](http://www.estesonline.org)

A **Preliminary Scientific Programme** (including keynote speakers and first session details) will be available online by September 2018.

Sincerely,

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### **Announcements**

#### **Upcoming related congresses & courses**

##### **EVTM Symposium**

Örebro, Sweden  
June 7–9, 2018

##### **MRMI Course**

Bangkok, Thailand  
August 26–29, 2018

##### **37th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society**

Helsinki, Finland  
September 6–8, 2018

##### **Workshop on Visceral Trauma (Definitive Surgical Trauma Care)**

Graz, Austria  
September 17–18, 2018

##### **Advanced Cadaveric Trauma Surgery**

Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom  
September 24–25, 2018

##### **54. ÖGU Jahrestagung**

Salzburg, Austria  
October 4–6, 2018

##### **DKOU 2018**

Berlin, Germany  
October 23–26, 2018

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