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Message from the Editor-in-Chief of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*

Current Development of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*

Dear Colleagues and friends!

Welcome to the last issue of the ESTES News in 2017. We are in the middle of the effects of being listed for indexing in PubMed/Medline. We can see and experience the growing interest in the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery* on a daily basis. We experience about 500 manuscript submissions of mostly original articles now during the year. The area is as wide as the journal's scope is: prehospital care, emergency diagnostics and treatment, operative and conservative treatment options, surgical intensive care, and rehabilitation. It is likewise interesting to see which topics are submitted to the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*, ranging from basic science studies to clinical and surgical studies as well as outcome studies. I have the impression that many submissions from outside our surgical community are attracted by the journal if the topics are related to trauma.

But where are the substantial amount of downloads (more than 100,000 in 2016) and cited manuscripts coming from? We evaluated the submissions and citations over the last 10 years. The results demonstrate clearly that ESTES members play a central role for the quality and success of the journal: 43 % of the submissions came from Europe, but we also have members throughout the world. Of the printed articles, 63% were submitted by ESTES members, and 64 % of the citations are generated by these papers. This has already led to an increase of the impact factor from 0.472 to 0.895 within one year! I am quite confident that this encouraging and positive development will further progress next year.

But trauma and emergency surgical care continues, develops further, and is one of the most important fields of surgical care in the world. Therefore, I would like to stimulate you to submit your best scientific work to the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*, to always check relevant articles in our journal when preparing your manuscripts, and to engage yourself for the journal. We always need active reviewers and board members and defined proposals for Focus On issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for any of these aspects.

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Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to my co-editors Ari Leppäniemi, Pol Rommens, Johannes Rueger, and Fernando Turégano, to all section and advisory board members as well as to all authors and reviewers for the ongoing fruitful cooperation and their tremendous efforts. Likewise, I would also like to thank the publisher Springer and their editorial team for their always professional support and in particular our publishing editor Beate Hienz, as well as my coworker Thomas Lustenberger for the planning and organization of the issues.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and peaceful Happy New Year.

With best regards,
Prof. Dr. Ingo Marzi

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Report of ESTES Congress Grant Winner Nádía Tenreiro



Dear members of the Society,

First of all, it is truly an honor to have been awarded the 18th European Congress of Emergency and Trauma Surgery (ECTES) grant. I am also thankful for the opportunity to participate and present my work at this renowned scientific meeting.

I am a general surgery chief-resident in Centro Hospitalar de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro (Portugal) and have always had a predilection for the acute surgical patient, especially trauma victims. Despite being a level III trauma center, my institution is the reference trauma center for the interior of the northern region of Portugal and so we provide prehospital and specialized care for half a million people. In order to improve patients' outcomes, development of trauma systems is one of our priorities, always keeping in mind the delicate balance between up-to-date patient care and our financially challenged reality.

Ever since my first year of residency I have strived to excel in this field. I am now part of our prehospital care team and Advanced Trauma Life Support® instructor, with still much to learn.

My first participation in the ECTES was in 2016 in Vienna and after that I was even more driven to perform clinical research in this field.

In 2017, I had the opportunity to attend once again and was very pleased with the acceptance of two oral and four poster presentations.

In the 18th ECTES, held in the magnificent Palace of the Parliament, the motto was "Give and take—share your experience" and in fact not only was I able to learn new concepts and techniques that can improve our delivery of care, but was also able to share our experience in a district hospital center. I presented an epidemiologic study on "Laparostomy—a 2 year cohort analysis", focusing primarily in abdominal sepsis and possible risk factors for adverse

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outcomes. Second, with “Thoracic trauma—analysis of thoracic trauma severity score in a level III trauma center”, it was our aim to validate commonly used severity scores in thoracic trauma victims in our population. In line with this, we are currently expanding our retrospective data collection and also working on prospective score validation.

I found it extremely difficult to choose between so many interesting sessions and prominent speakers. I would like to highlight the sessions “Laparoscopy in emergency surgery” and “Stop the bleeding”; minimally invasive surgery and interventional radiology techniques keep evolving and the trauma surgeon need to match these constant advancements and push the limits of what is standard of care in trauma patients. The “Consensus statement on peritonitis” was also very interesting and I think these projects should be endorsed in order to achieve prompt diagnosis, stratify severity, and guide management of such a common entity.

In reality, it is becoming increasingly challenging to maintain clinical practice and still accomplish scientific research. This grant provided extra encouragement to continue.

Finally, I was pleased to visit the beautiful city of Bucharest with its many contrasts and combination of Eastern and Western culture. After the congress, we took a stroll in the Parcul Carol and with its lake and gardens it was the needed respite from such a wonderful congress.

Looking forward to next year’s congress in Valencia!

Best regards,
Nádia Tenreiro

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DO YOU ALSO WANT TO BE CONGRESS GRANT WINNER?

Are you going to attend the 19th European Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery taking place in Valencia, Spain (May 6–8, 2018)?

Would you like to win a travel grant of EUR 1,000?

Do you fulfill the criteria?

If your answer to all questions above is “Yes”, seize this chance and apply now!

The prerequisites are:

- Age below 35 (date of congress is decisive)
- Specialist or Specialist-in-Training in Trauma and Emergency Surgery
- Submission and presentation of an accepted abstract
- Documented scientific activities
- Submission of the required documents (letter of intent, CV, list of publications, letter of recommendation)
- Short written report about the congress after the event
- Individual member of ESTES or intention to become an individual member of ESTES

The application form can be downloaded on the ESTES website (Education).

To apply for a grant, please return the filled-out application form and all required documents to the ESTES Administrative Office:

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Application Deadline: **Friday, January 26, 2018**

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Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

Trauma Course

Graz, Austria

April 9–10, 2018

ECTES 2018

Valencia, Spain

May 6–8, 2018

Workshop on Visceral Trauma (Definitive Surgical Trauma Care)

Graz, Austria

September 17–18, 2018

DKOU 2018

Berlin, Germany

October 23–26, 2018

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