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Message from the General Secretary

Dear ESTES members, colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the entire ESTES board,

It is my pleasure to wish you a happy and healthy new year 2024 !

Our society is facing many new activities, which I am sure all of you are looking forward to as well.

Before that, let me share with you our sincere gratitude to Prof. Klaus Wendt, who has served our society for the maximum of years possible according to our bylaws until last spring. We have all benefited from his calm and steady way of guiding ESTES. During the last board session, the outgoing president (Prof Inger Schipper) presented a printed towel to him



which he gladly accepted and we all hope has been used during leisure activities in the meantime.

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We can happily look back at a successful and well received 2023 meeting in Ljubljana, where the scientific content was excellent and provided by outstanding speakers, such as our senior editor of EJOT.



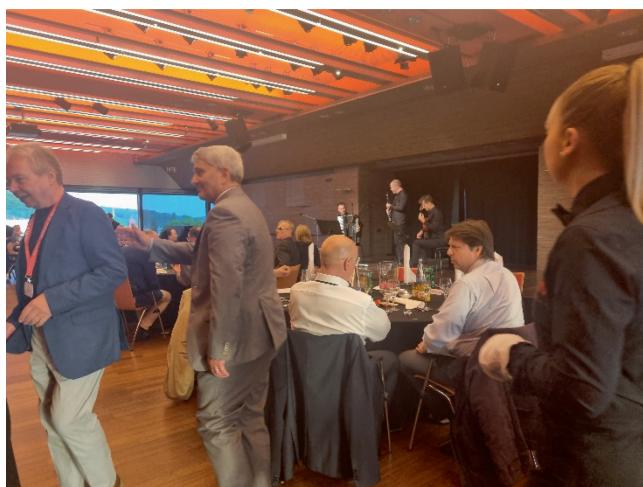
As during the previous years, we have been able to provide teaching activities, such as the Polytrauma course and the Emergency surgery course, jointly organized with AAST.

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The social evening was well attended and we are especially proud that formerly very active members, such as Prof Ari Lepänniemi continue to provide support.



Among the sad news of the previous year is the passing of Prof Sten Lennquist, MD, a true visionnaire and great teacher, whose various outstanding achievements have been summarized in detail in a special note in our Journal by Hayato Kurihara.

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The board has met several times since the annual meeting and has decided on outstanding projects. Among them is the “*white book*” of ESTES, and we are glad to report that it is making great progress. Moreover, the “*young ESTES*” has been very active and intends to extend its activities even more. Also, a new “research section” has been introduced and we hope that it can add to the quality and the extent of the scientific content even further. Moreover, it has been decided that we will team up with our trauma nurses and it will be exciting to see what comes out of it.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to the upcoming meeting in *Portugal 2024* which has set new standards and higher numbers of abstract submissions. Please join in promoting our annual meeting and spread the news among all of our colleagues and friends !

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Hans-Christoph Pape

ESTES General Secretary



Obituary for Prof. Sten Einar Vilhelm Lennquist



Dear Colleagues, It's with great sadness that we announce that one of the founding members and former President of our Society, Professor Sten Lennquist, passed away late Friday night November 10, 2023 at the age of 86. He has been teaching and educating until the very end of his life and his heart stopped during a lecture at his former University in Linkoping. He spent his last days with his large and loving family and, as suggested by his grandson Johan: "We must celebrate his fantastic life!" Professor Lennquist was not only a distinguished professional but also a compassionate and dedicated individual who made significant contributions to the field of medicine, particularly in disaster medicine. His commitment to education, humanitarian efforts, and leadership roles in various international scientific societies reflects a life well-lived and dedicated to improving the well-being of others. The fact that he continued to teach until the very end is a testament to his passion for sharing knowledge and shaping the next generation of medical professionals. Parallel to his work as surgeon, he had, on humanitarian base, worked with disaster medicine, leading one of the most important international projects on training of medical staff in management of major incidents and disasters with focus on the consequences of global terrorism. He has received several international rewards and is honorary member in nine international scientific societies, in several of them active as president or secretary general. His work within disaster medicine included several educational commitments from the Swedish Board of Health and Welfare, the European Union, World Health Organization (WHO) and several different countries. In 2006 he organized in Malmö the 7th Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery where the discussion between the European Association for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (E.A.T.E.S) and the European Trauma Society (E.T.S.) started in order to merge the following year into our beloved European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery. We should remember that in 2006 Congress the motto he suggested was: "Be prepared! Don't be a minimizer!". These simple words still indicate the spirit that should inspire our society and our surgical community. Due to his vision, elegance and charisma the merging process was possible and in 2007 E.S.T.E.S. was finally born in Graz, Austria. The ESTES Community, the Executive Board and the Advisory Council extend their sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to Professor Lennquist Family and we are all aware that Kristina and Carl will continue his incredible work. His legacy will endure during this difficult time. Hayato Kurihara Past ESTES President

Announcements

Upcoming related congresses & courses

ECTES 2024

April 28–30, 2024
Lisbon, Portugal

MRMI

24–26
Almada, Portugal

ETC – 1

24–26
Lisboa, Portugal

ETC – 2

24–26
Funchal, Portugal

DSTC

24–26
Santarém, Portugal

DATC

24–26
Santarém, Portugal

CCrISP

23–24
Viseu, Portugal

MUSEC

25–26
Viseu, Portugal

ESC

25–26
Figueira da Foz, Portugal

OA&AWR (cadaver lab)

26
Porto, Portugal

Polytrauma Course

27
Estoril, Portugal

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