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Dear members of ESTES, dear colleagues,

As the year 2024 draws to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all Editors, Editorial Board Members, Guest Editors, and, most importantly, our Reviewers. The *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery* could not exist without your consistent, outstanding contributions. I deeply appreciate your dedication to this important academic task of ensuring peer-reviewed publishing in our scientific community, knowing that this comes in addition to your daily work. In particular, I want to acknowledge Prof. Fernando Turégano from Madrid, who will step down as Editor at the end of the year due to his retirement. We are extremely grateful for his tremendous work over many years and his valuable contributions to the development of our journal!

The ongoing adjustments to the ISI Impact Factor calculations have now concluded. This year brought another change in the counting methodology for articles, resulting in a slight decline in impact factors across most journals. Our Impact Factor for 2024 (covering papers from 2021 and 2022 published in 2023) is now 1.9. Although this is slightly lower than last year (2.1), we have substantially improved our ranking position. We now stand at number 21 out of 54 in the Emergency Medicine category, compared to 18 out of 32 in 2022. Most importantly, we have regained our Q2 status, which is crucial for the academic careers of our colleagues. The journal's global reach continues to expand, with our published articles being downloaded 700,000 times in 2023 worldwide.

Our operational metrics remain strong, with 824 submissions received this year. We have improved our average turnaround time to 32 days for the first decision and 88 days for accepted papers. Our acceptance rate stands at 36% for this year. The new SNAPP System is now our exclusive manuscript management platform and will be activated when you submit a manuscript or are invited as a reviewer.

The *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery* is implementing substantial changes to enhance its future operations. With this issue (6/2024), we will cease print publication. The journal will transition to Continuous Article Publishing (CAP), meaning that all accepted papers will be published immediately after proof correction. Authors will no longer need to wait for their paper to be allocated to a printed issue. It's worth noting that printed issues have been limited in circulation, as most readers access the online version. For authors' reference: all papers accepted until September 2024 will be printed this year, while articles accepted thereafter will be published in January 2025.

This transition means we will no longer produce bimonthly issues but one annual issue. Consequently, our popular *Focus On* topics will require a new format. To continue highlighting significant and excellent articles and themes, we are actively developing

Collections (<https://link.springer.com/journal/68/collections>). These collections will feature one or more Guest Editors who will write an editorial and gather articles within their collection. We will offer both closed collections—comprising only invited papers on specific topics—and open collections, where authors can submit their work to designated themes. Several collections are already available, and I invite all interested members to propose topics and consider becoming a guest editor.

With these innovative developments for the journal, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy, and hopefully more peaceful New Year 2025.

With best regards,

Ingo Marzi
Editor-in-Chief
European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery

Someone said ECTES 2024 has been “my” congress as I received more than one prize. I don’t believe it is true; however, I am speechless of what an amazing experience ECTES24 has been!

It has been an honor for me to join this prestigious congress, since I had the pleasure to enjoy its intriguing and extensive program. The organization was excellent, as well as the whole event, that completely fulfilled my educational goals and expected learning outcomes. Noteworthy, all the presented information was well balanced and consistently supported by a valid scientific evidence base.

During the congress, I had the opportunity to present two papers that meant a lot to me. **“Impact of the implementation of a trauma center in a third-level university hospital: Our experience”** (poster presentation). In the literature, there has been a progressive and more and more significant interest in this topic and scientific production has increased almost exponentially in recent years. Our study demonstrates that the introduction of the Trauma Team at our institution has improved the management and outcomes of polytraumatized patients and I am extremely proud to have witnessed this epochal change, as well as to be part of an ever-improving stimulating organization.

“1-day appendectomy: more an opportunity than a challenge” (oral presentation). This study was designed to validate day-stay laparoscopic appendectomy for non-complicated acute appendicitis. 1-day protocol for laparoscopic appendectomy significantly increased the rate of outpatient management with more comfort for patients and no increase in morbidity or mortality. Because of the positive results from our study, this practice has now become the standard of care for non complicated acute appendicitis at our institution.

Thank to my CV, letter of intent and letter of recommendation, I was handed over the grant certificate, after being shortly introduced by the grant sponsor, during the Opening Ceremony which took place in the Auditorium on Sunday, April 28.

Furthermore, my abstract talk was chosen as the best of my session, thus I was asked to hold it again at the best paper session in the Auditorium.

Having the opportunity to participate in this experience a few months prior to the end of my residency has been an extraordinary opportunity for my professional and personal enrichment. My passion for Emergency Surgery started as soon as I stepped for the first time in an operating room. Therefore, during my university studies, I spent my spare time as an intern in a surgical department where many emergency procedures were delivered. Moreover, I’ve spoken to national and international congresses since I was a student.

As a senior resident in Emergency and General Surgery in Careggi University Hospital, my career objective is to pursue high quality standards in emergency surgery practice and to empower the future perspectives of this discipline. I am passionate about staying up to date with the latest guidelines and papers, enriching both my practical experience and critical thinking. I would love to contribute precious insights and advance the collective knowledge of emergency surgery practitioners worldwide. As Ambroise Parè said, “it may seem strange to define the daily actions of a surgeon as funny. However, the fun comes from the challenge, and the main challenge is not to make fine gestures with your hands, but with your head”.

Seeking financial support for the diffusion of my research project, which aligns closely with the mission and goals of ESTES, represents such a great opportunity for me, as it has the potential to make a significant impact in daily activity of emergency surgeons, especially the youngest, and the possibility to receive a grant helped me to exploit this opportunity at its best.

Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to ESTES Association Management for giving me the opportunity to receive this grant, and to my colleagues for the continuous and daily support. You are extremely precious

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Upcoming related congresses & courses

First SSES Congress of Trauma and Emergency Surgery

November 22–24, 2024

Belgrade, Serbia

**ECTES: 24th European Congress of Trauma and
Emergency Surgery**

April 13–15, 2025

Aachen, Germany

**Haemodynamically unstable Patient from the Scene
to the ICU**

December 10, 2024

Milan, Italy

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