

## Looking back on the year 2010

We will soon reach the end of 2010, which was one of the most important in the life of our organisation, EFORT. Please allow me to provide a short summary of the most important events.



Prof. Dr. Miklós Szendrői

The most exciting and important educational event this year was our combined EFORT-SECOT Congress in Madrid. It was the first time that EFORT organised a combined meeting with a national society, in this case the Spanish Society (SECOT). It was the largest congress we ever had with 1,094 non-European and 6,997 European participants having submitted more than 3,300 abstracts for EFORT and approximately 1,600 SECOT abstracts. The international part was organised by EFORT and the official language was English. SECOT organised its own symposia in the native Spanish. For the first time at any EFORT Congress, we organised plenary sessions as the main scientific event of the day, with simultaneous translation from English to Spanish. All four topics: Arthroplasties in Europe: State of trauma care in Europe; The surgical and non-surgical treatment in the tumour care in Europe; and musculoskeletal infections met the expectations of the audience. Ninety-one percent of the participants answered in the questionnaires distributed after the session as "Yes, the session met my educational needs." The large number of Spanish colleagues (1,653) who attended the congress underlines the acceptance of our philosophy to organise combined congresses. The fact that we had received more than 3,000 abstracts for the Vienna-Congress in 2009 and interest shown for the Madrid-

Congress in 2010 and for the next EFORT Congress in Copenhagen 2011 support our members' approval and desire for yearly congresses.

In 2010, we advanced our educational offerings. An important milestone was the release of the first volume of our journal, the European Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EOTR), at the EFORT Congress in Madrid.

With the cooperation of the Speciality Societies and based on the recommendation of our Member Societies we established the EFORT Academy. Our aim was to have a pool of experts and well-known persons in all fields of orthopaedics and traumatology available to volunteer to work on the Editorial Board of the journal, in committees for selecting congress processes, fellowships, and research grants. The EFORT FOUNDATION, which was established last year, works in close collaboration with EFORT. It has had a very successful start and support from donations from industry has aided in establishing visiting fellowships for 40 young orthopaedic surgeons throughout Europe.

In our external affairs we realised that EFORT can only be recognised as the representative umbrella organisation for musculoskeletal diseases by providing our members with: an outstanding level of education; promoting research, science and training in orthopaedics and traumatology; enhance EFORT standards and protocols through strategic alliances in Europe; and, where we can, to strongly represent the interest of our patients and colleagues on the political platform in Brussels.

For all these we need a close cooperation with the European Speciality Societies. In the past couple of months we had several meetings with the representatives of the major organisations. We involved them in the preparative work (kick-off-meetings) for the scientific programme of the forthcoming congresses. We ask them to help by reviewing abstracts, organising sessions and by contributing with their own guest session during the congress. They would

also have an important role on the board of the EFORT FOUNDATION. We launched a Speciality Society Committee and co-opted its chairman into the EFORT Executive Committee. EFORT wants to act as a platform for the European Speciality Societies and Industry in the future.

It will be necessary that EFORT set up standards in orthopaedic training as well as in patient care in form of protocols. In cooperation with the National Societies, Speciality Societies and UEMS we should work out educational programmes to bring up to a common level the very different present practices in the different countries. EFORT wants to take part more intensively in the EBOT exam both in organising comprehensive courses before and working out and organise standardised e-learning and e-exams throughout Europe.

One of the most important activities for EFORT is in public relations and the public will see us through our Portal. We restructured the EFORT website to make the orientation easier for our visitors. The content should be renewed and further developed by our portal steering committee. In the future, when we have enough selected high-quality e-educational material we could offer this for our members and non-European colleagues with individual membership with special access to this part of the portal. Regular interviews and news items appear not only in our EFORT Newsletter and e-Newsletter but also in the ORTHOPAEDICS TODAY EUROPE to keep our members connected and informed.

EFORT intends to not only be the organisation in Europe with an interest in musculoskeletal diseases and the patients who have them, but also the interest of the colleagues working in the field of Orthopaedics and Traumatology on different political platforms. We feel that the politicians both at national level and in Brussels are not aware of the significance of musculoskeletal diseases. Our field is underrepresented and held in place by the politicians who decide our financial support. Our highly responsible work can only be done with close cooperation of the European Speciality Societies, the

National Associations, various patient organisations and also with industry. We made the first step and built up a strategy for our Brussels affairs with a professional company, Intelrel, which is based in Brussels.

Today, EFORT is more than a pure European organisation. Our respect is growing; we have developing contacts with large Non-European Associations. We were guests of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) this year in New Orleans, and we had fruitful discussions about common problems with the AAOS executives. EFORT was the guest nation in Brazil at the national congress in November, however, we also cooperate with societies from Latin-America, North-Africa, Middle East and China.

We have new applications for Associate Scientific Memberships every year, EFORT now has six Associate Scientific Members. The statistical data from the Vienna and Madrid Congresses underline this, we had hundreds of abstracts from outside Europe and about 20% of the registered participants came from non-European countries. We feel justified therefore the introduction of the individual membership for our non-European partners.

We feel that all of this proves that EFORT is a fast growing organisation with tremendous activities in different fields and directions. The increased tasks and activities required us to employ a managing director to head the Central Office.

The new year 2011 will bring new challenges for EFORT, but I am convinced that we will overcome these with a close collaboration of our fundaments and partners, the national societies and speciality societies and can continue to work in interest of our patients suffering on musculoskeletal diseases.

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## IC Sommerfeld Berlin, 01-02 April 2011

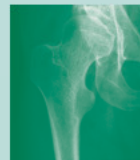
### Hip replacement in the young patient

Chairman: Andreas Halder (Germany)  
Venue: Hellmuth-Ulrich-Kliniken, Kremmen

#### Highlights:

- Avascular necrosis
- Novel techniques in hip replacement
- Novel implants in hip replacement
- Congenital dysplasia

- Femoro-acetabular impingement syndrome
- Live surgeries MIS anterior approach & MIS posterior approach
- Common problems in hip replacement



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[www.efort.org/ic/sommerfeld2011](http://www.efort.org/ic/sommerfeld2011)

## 12th EFORT Congress Copenhagen: Updates on new formats

### Speaker coaching workshop: What makes a good presenter?

Interactive course with video input. Learn how to structure arguments for maximum impact!

A seminar designed for those who wish to make the most out of every speaking opportunity! An interactive workshop presented by Mrs. Angela Coles, a known specialist in presentation and media training in healthcare.

Registration is limited to a maximum of 20 persons per course. Workshops are planned on the following days:

**Wednesday, 1 June 2011**  
Workshop 1 09.00 – 13.00 hrs  
Workshop 2 14.00 – 18.00 hrs

**Thursday, 2 June 2011**  
Workshop 3 09.00 – 13.00 hrs  
Workshop 4 14.00 – 18.00 hrs

For more information please visit:  
[www.efort.org/copenhagen2011/workshop](http://www.efort.org/copenhagen2011/workshop)

### A full day programme dedicated to Orthopaedic nursing:



Education and training dedicated for orthopaedic nurses have gained a high demand during our past congresses. Give your nurse team the possibility to participate in an interesting nurse day that includes a comprehensive programme from theoretical sessions, paper presentations and a hands-on workshop.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.efort.org/copenhagen2011/nurse](http://www.efort.org/copenhagen2011/nurse)

### Calling for cases: Difficult case presentations!

By submitting your work you might get the opportunity to present your case in a session in which the interaction by the moderator, audience and yourself is key and forms the vital aspects within this new format!

A dedicated selected committee will review the cases that you can submit now online through the Congress website.

The scientific committee plans on the following five topics for case submission:

- Foot and ankle (degenerative diseases)
- Shoulder cases (fractures, prosthesis)
- Sports injuries in the knee (ligament, chondral lesions, osteotomies)
- Total hip replacement (complex primaries and revisions)
- Trauma (fractures, non-union, deformities)

For more information, please visit:  
[www.efort.org/copenhagen2011/dcp](http://www.efort.org/copenhagen2011/dcp)



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**Forthcoming EFORT Congress**

**Copenhagen, 1 – 4 June 2011**

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Frohe Weihnachten  
und ein gutes neues Jahr.  
С наступающим Новым Годом и Рождеством!  
Gleðileg jól og Farsælt Komandi ár!

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**  
Gëzuar Krishtlindjet dhe Vitin e Ri!  
Среќен Божиќ и Аѓурни di buoñ Natale  
среќна Нова година!e felice Anno Nuovo.  
Wesołych Świąt i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!  
Veselé božične praznike in srečno Novo leto!  
Srećan Božić i Srećna Nova Godina!  
Su šventom Prettige Kerstdagen en  
Kalėdom ir  
Naujaisiais Metais!  
een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar.  
Häid jõule ja õnnelikku uut aastat!  
Zalig Kerstfeest en Nixtieqlek il-Milied  
Gelukkig nieuw jaar! it- Tassew u š-Sena t- Tassew!  
Joyeux Noël et  
Bonne Année!  
Veselé Vánoce a šťastný nový rok!  
Feliz Navidad y Čestit Božić i Srećna Nova Godina!  
Próspero Año Nuevo. Glædelig jul og godt nytår!  
God jul og godt nytt år!  
Καλά Χριστουγεννα κι ευτυχισμένος ο καινούργιος χρόνος  
God Jul och Gott Nytt År!  
Hyvää joulua ja onnellista uutta vuotta!  
Bom Natal e um Feliz Ano Novo. Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun!  
З Рїздвом Христовим і Новим роком!

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# Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year