

13th EFORT Congress 2012 Berlin in retrospect

The 13th EFORT Congress in Berlin has now closed its doors. It lived up to our highest expectations. As Chairmen of the Local Organising Committee, we would like to thank all participants, faculty and EFORT's member societies who made this year's EFORT Congress the most important congress in our field once again.

Nearly 7,000 surgeons and physicians from more than 100 countries attended the Congress, and more than 100 industry partners contributed their expertise and displayed the latest innovations on the market. We are delighted to see the continuing and growing interest and commitment from the industry, which is an integral part of the event.

Several new features were introduced this year, and established formats once again proved to be successful elements of the programme.

For the first time, EFORT welcomed an Invited Nation. The Invited Nation Programme recognises and strengthens ties with colleagues around the globe. With this in mind, the Chinese Orthopaedic Society (COA)

to participate actively in the discussions, and many sessions were designed to enable a lively exchange of ideas and opinions. The new Crossfire Discussion format was introduced for the first time this year, and was very well received.



If you followed the highlight topic of "trauma" – with reference to the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety – you had a choice between many sessions on trauma topics, as well as on the European approach to this issue. The World Health Organization exhibited statistics about the current situation, as well as possible approaches to improving road safety all over the world. This was further illustrated by the exhibition of a crashed car, and the dramatic live car crash demonstration, which showed the heavy impact that an accident – even at low speed – can have. However, it also showed how improved safety can protect the driver from severe injuries.



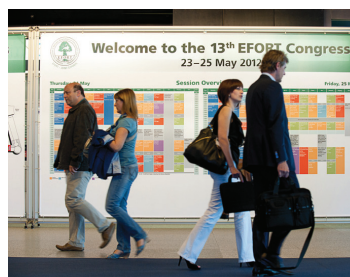
introduced itself with a stand and at the opening ceremony.

EFORT strongly encourages attendees

We were delighted by the contributions of our honorary lecturers, Professor Reinhold Ganz (Switzerland) and Professor Bernard Morrey (USA) in the Erwin Morscher and Michael Freeman Honorary Lectures, respectively. Having such renowned specialists among us is not only a pleasure, but an honour in itself.

You are invited to browse through impressions of the Congress in our online gallery (www.efort.org/berlin2012). Should you have missed sessions which you wanted to attend, or would like to review important sessions once again, e-science (www.efort.org/econgress) is certainly an excellent way of bringing EFORT into your department.

Berlin showed its sunny side during the Congress, and we hope you enjoyed visiting



this bustling city in the best summer weather. The many green spaces, cultural activities, omnipresent historic sights and modern city life make Berlin an extremely welcoming and fascinating city.

Your Local Organising Committee enjoyed having you in Berlin, and we are already looking forward to next year's Congress, which will bring the EFORT community to Istanbul.

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A new concept to promote excellence in musculoskeletal research and clinical practice.
Pierre Hoffmeyer, EFORT President 2012/2013

EFORT General Assembly report

EFORT announces new board members, national member societies and statutes revisions

The EFORT General Assembly announced the election of new executive board members and national member societies at the 13th EFORT Congress 2012 in Berlin.

Prof. Dr. Maurlio Marcacci of Italy was elected treasurer of EFORT. The General Assembly also named Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Günther of Germany as a new member at large. Marcacci and Günther will start their terms of office in January 2013.

The General Assembly also voted to include the German Trauma Association as a new national member society and the Asian Pacific Orthopaedic Association, the Association of Orthopedists, Traumatologists and Rehabilitologists of Armenia, and the Egyptian Orthopaedic Association as new associate scientific members of EFORT.

The General Assembly also voted on impor-

tant changes to the statutes of EFORT. The last revisions were made in June 2006 in Geneva.

"Current revision of the statutes are aimed to support and secure the daily working practice of a modern and professional medical federation within the field of orthopaedics and musculoskeletal traumatology," Per Kjaersgaard-Andersen, MD, Secretary General of EFORT, said.

The three main topics approved were:

- changes of terms for the Executive Board members and introduction of new board positions
- governance on the choice of venues for future Congresses,
- and EFORT's domicile.

Other EFORT news at the Congress was the introduction of the EFORT Academy, a new concept to support and promote clinical practice and musculoskeletal basic research. The Academy initiates and pilots educational and research actions, and evaluates all the

scientific, educational and publication activities which require EFORT approval. They will also make recommendations on the stipends and fellowships awarded by EFORT.

The Academy offers a fellowship affiliation which is open internationally to all surgeons, physicians, researchers and allied health care providers in the field of orthopaedics and musculoskeletal trauma. The affiliates of the Academy carry the title "fellow of the Academy of the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology."

The Academy is presided over by the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The EFORT Secretary General and Treasurer are also the Academy's Secretary General and Treasurer, and the Academy's nominating committee is constituted by the Chairmen of the Scientific, Education and Publication Committees.

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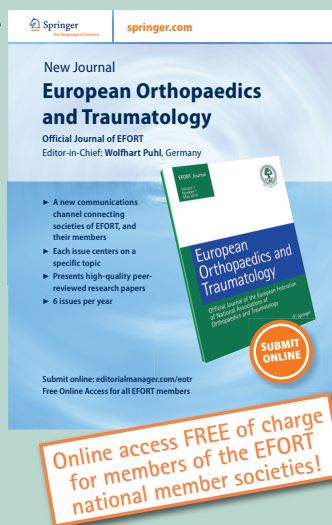
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EFORT Congress 2012 awards in Berlin

The European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology presented its annual awards at the Opening Ceremony of the 13th EFORT Congress 2012 in Berlin.

The three best free papers were by Prof. Dr. Pietro Ruggieri of Italy (gold), Jarkko Vasenius of the United States (silver), and Dr. Jari Mokka of Finland (bronze). The Jaques Duparc Award for the ten best free posters were presented to: Dr. Sebastian Müller, Prof. Dr. Dominique Saragaglia, Dr. Kenmoku Tomonori, Dr. Raymond Monto, Robert Lee, Derfel Williams, Jonathan Roland Perera, Dr. Vasco Oliveira, Dr. Alexandre Lädermann, and Dr. Victor Dubois-Ferriere.

The awards ceremony also featured the presentation of the Allied Professions Award to Eva Ahlgren of Sweden, the EFORT Tribology Award to Prof. Dr. Christoph Lohmann of Germany, and the Industry Award to Pfizer.



Instructional Course Geneva 12 – 13 October 2012: Five in one: Operating hallux valgus deformities

Geneva – What is the right method for comparing five operation procedures in one day? What should we be aware of before selecting a specific technique? When should a surgeon delay an operation in case of ankle arthritis? PD Dr. Mathieu Assal, Co-chairman of the EFORT Instructional Course 'Hallux Valgus and Ankle Arthritis' to be held in Geneva in October, gives us some insights.

Dr. Assal, tell us why attendants should be looking forward to participating in the EFORT Hallux Valgus & Ankle Arthritis Instructional Course in October in Geneva?

We are going to offer quite an interesting program concerning the management of hallux valgus deformities and state of the art treatment options of ankle arthritis. We will have five live surgeries done by recognized experts, who will share their surgical skills with the audience. There will be three workshops, so participants will have the opportunity to have some hands-on practice.

What exactly are the experts going to show at the hallux valgus live surgeries?

PD Dr. Xavier Crevoisier (Chairman) will be doing a Chevron osteotomy, Dr. Marc Augoyard will do a Scarf osteotomy; and I will present the Lapidus arthrodesis. Dr. Pascal Rippstein will perform a MTP1 arthrodesis, and finally we will move on to the percutaneous surgery for hallux valgus, which will be demonstrated by Dr. Eduardo Rabat. All surgeries will be transmitted to the conference room, where attendants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The percutaneous technique seems to be quite trendy at the moment. Is it really that good?

There is a lot of enthusiasm surrounding percutaneous surgery. However, we know that a number of complications come with it. Surgeons need to be aware of these complications and select the right patients. Dr. Jean-Luc Besse and Dr. Eduardo Rabat will tell us very honestly whether it is really safe or not, and what type of patient should benefit from such procedures.

The programme has quite a strict structure. Each treatment technique starts with the specific indication, then moves to the live surgery and ends with 'the true story – my problems'. Why?

We are comparing five different techniques with five different experts, so we want to have the same structure for each section. It is important for us that the experts do not give us an overly enthusiastic personal overview. They are asked to talk about their technical problems, their patients with difficult outcomes, their challenges and how they solve them – the true story in fact. Each technique has its advantages and disadvantages. It is necessary to talk about the problems, too.

The course is going to end on a Saturday at 12.30. There will be enough time left for participants to go out and enjoy the city. Can you give us any recommendations for Geneva? What should people go and see?

Geneva really is an attractive city, with many cultural highlights. I strongly recommend the

beautiful old town. You can do great shopping also. People who enjoy mountains should go and see the Mont Blanc which is only 40 minutes away from Geneva towards Chamonix. Several ski resorts in the area will already be open. And then there is, of course, the lake of Geneva. It's very relaxing to stroll around it on the promenade and sit in a nice café.

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Advanced Training Programme

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12 – 13 October 2012

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Children's Orthopaedic
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