



The President's note

Dear members,

We have regularly two newsletters yearly, the spring newsletter usually informs about the details of the forthcoming annual meeting and the agenda of the next General Assembly. During the last General Committee meeting in Konya on February 12, 2005 we finalized the congress program of ESSR 2005 and selected the six presenters for the Walter Brendel session. Besides, some other important issues were discussed.

As President of ESSR, I visited the SARS congress in Newcastle together with Michael Menger. Dr. Assimakopoulos of Patras, Greece has presented his prize-winning paper, congratulations for him again. Unfortunately, the annual meeting of SUS could not be attended by our representatives, as it was coincidentally organized at the same time as the GC meeting in Konya.

Last year the organization of the Athens meeting was first-class, Stathis Antoniou and his team did a great job. Again, for the forthcoming congress Mustafa Sahin and the Programme Committee have worked on an excellent selection of papers. For any further details please visit the Congress website (<http://www.essr2005.org/>). The General Committee and myself are looking forward to welcoming you to the 40th Congress of the ESSR on May 25-28, 2005 in Konya. I am convinced that it will be a great meeting!

The Secretary General's note

Dear members,

The ESSR - Karger Co. agreement is working and valid until December 31, 2005. The General Committee has discussed past and future values of the contract and agreed that there is a demand for improvements. After a careful analysis the GC has authorized the Secretary General to start negotiations with the Publisher, and the parties mutually agreed to modify the following points:

- the number of paying subscribers will be 200 instead of 250;
- the deadline to reach the set number of subscribers will be January 1st yearly;
- the abstracts of the annual meeting of the Society shall be published in a supplement issue of the Journal of the Society;
- page charges will be reduced to 50% for members of the Society instead of "page charges will be waived for the members of the Society".

We believe that the modified contract could be of benefit for the future of the ESSR and the GC proposes to accept its prolongation.

Finally, I would like to inform you that Jaap Bonjer, organizer of ESSR 2007 has moved to Canada and thus unable to organize the Rotterdam congress. The GC proposes Ian P.J. Alwayn, from the same institute (Department of Surgery, Erasmus University, Rotterdam) to substitute Prof. Bonjer. Dr. Alwayn will present the current status of ESSR 2007 (venue, prices, major topics, etc) during the General Assembly.

General Assembly, Konya, 2005

We cordially invite you all to the next General Assembly on Friday, May 27 2005, at 18:30 hr to 20:00 hr in Hall B of S. Demirel Congress Center (congress venue) in Konya, Turkey. Several important issues will be discussed so please note this date and be present to vote. In 2005 the General Committee must be renewed. Our President, Miguel Cainzos, and our former President and Secretary General, Michael D. Menger will leave the Committee. Both Miguel and Michael served for 6 years the Society - thank you, again, for your hard and committed work!

The agenda will be:

- 1) report of the President
- 2) report of the Secretary General
- 3) report of the Treasurer
- 4) report of the Congress President 2005
- 5) report of the Congress President 2006
- 6) election of new members of the Society
- 7) election of new officers of ESSR
 - General Committee
 - Nominating Committee
- 8) election of the congress venue 2008
- 9) miscellaneous

Ad 7. Composition of the GC in 2004/2005

Name	Function	Position ends	Remarks
M. Cainzos	<u>President</u>	2005	
M. Boros	<u>Secretary General</u>	2006	
T. Minor	<u>Treasurer</u>	2007	
M. Menger	<u>Member at large</u>	2005	
N. Inston	<u>Member at large</u>	2010	
W. Ceelen	<u>Member at large</u>	2007	
E. Antoniou	<u>Member at large</u>	2008	
M. Sahin	<u>1st Vice president</u>	2005	May be elected as a member of the GC for four years
B. Vollmar	<u>2nd Vice president</u>	2005	Will be 1 st Vice president
I.P.J. Alwayn		2006	Will be 2 nd Vice president

The General Committee suggests Mihály Boros to be elected as President of the Society.

In case of election of Mihály Boros as the new President of the Society, the Assembly has to elect a new Secretary General. The General Committee nominates Wim Ceelen as Secretary General of the Society.

For the open positions as members-at-large the General Committee proposes Henrik Thorlacius (Sweden), and Ignacio Garcia-Alonso (Spain) and Grzegorz Szczesny (Poland).

Further proposals could be still accepted by the Nominating Committee.

Composition of the Nominating Committee in 2005/6: the GC proposes Iskender Sayek, Michael D. Menger and Miguel Cainzos to the Nominating Committee.

Ad 8. Election of the congress venue 2008

Applications for the congress venue 2008 should be sent to the President or the Secretary General without delay. Formal proposals has already arrived from Malaga (Spain) and Warsaw (Poland).

ESSR 2006 – Rostock, Germany

The scientific focus of the ESSR meeting in 2006 will include particular topics, such as tumor biology and angiogenesis, molecular biology and gene therapy, organ and stem cell transplantation, tissue repair and tissue engineering as well as minimally invasive and robotic surgery. Beside these regular topics, such as surgical pathophysiology, I/R, shock and sepsis, as well microcirculation may be considered. Moreover, all aspects of visceral, orthopaedic, trauma, as well as cardiovascular and thoracic surgery will be included as basic topics of the congress programme. The Congress venue will be the Hotel Neptun in Rostock-Warnemünde. In Konya, there will be a second announcement and posters for advertisement. The website

<http://www.essr2006.de> will be launched on the 20th May 2005. There will be additional announcements with call for abstracts over the year. The deadline for abstract submission will be January 9, 2006. Abstract selection meeting will be during the 10-12. February 2006. *Prof. Brigitte Vollmar, Congress President 2006*

Further important notes

Miguel Cainzos has reported on the highly successful Internet course on surgical infections organized by the SIS of Europe, and proposed that the same system could revitalize the Committee of Education of ESSR which is currently useless. The GC strongly supports this idea and proposed Miguel Cainzos as leader of this Committee, members will be recruited by him.

For any further information, please contact the President or the Secretary General. Further, we want to encourage you to come to Konya, and stimulate young researchers of your group to become a member of the ESSR. You will find a membership application form on our website, which should be sent to the Secretary General. The address is given below as well as on the application form.

See you soon in Konya!

With best personal regards,



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