



## Note from the President

Dear Members of the Society, Dear Colleagues, Dear Collaborators,  
Briefly my Dear Friends,

I would like to begin our Newsletter with my thanks on behalf of ESSR and ESSR Board to Attila Szijarto, Peter Onody and all hidden heroes of the organising committee of 2014 Budapest Meeting. It was a great honor, pleasure to be in this event and to see the energy of our young members. ESSR again showed how a big family, we are !!!

Since 2013, ESSR Board decided to give an honor to the key people who took an active role for surgical research by giving the Certificates of Appreciations of ESSR and since 2014 by giving ESSR Lifetime Achievement Award. The aim of these initiations was to recognize the efforts of our anchormen- women who worked active for surgical research and ESSR and to give an impulse to young members by sharing the experience. You will find the details below.

2014 and 2015 was a very active period for the Board and you will see the decisions which was taken during last year includes so many revolutionary changes in our Society. I would like to express my gratitude of working, collaborating with all these fantastic colleagues, our board members (Rene, Thomas Hubert, Frank, Osman, Fatih, Attila, Peter, Ivo, again Thomas Theologou). I would like also express my pleasure of being a member of this big ESSR family, my honor of serving Society since more than 5 years now in the Board. I tried to summarise my feelings during my opening speech of the Annual Congress 2014, which you will find below.

With my kind regards and thank you.  
**Mustafa Cikirikcioglu, ESSR President**  
([mustafa.cikirikcioglu@hcuge.ch](mailto:mustafa.cikirikcioglu@hcuge.ch))

### **Opening speech of the ESSR President- Mustafa Cikirikcioglu- 21 May 2014 Budapest – Hungary**

Dear Members of the Society, Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,  
As the President of European Society for Surgical Research, I welcome all of you to our Annual Congress. I would like also welcome the representatives of our sister Societies and their award winners who kindly attend to our meeting.  
Prof David Hackam from the United States, Society of University Surgeons,  
Prof Clif Shearman, from the United Kingdom, Society of Academic and Research Surgery  
Prof Modise Koto from Surgical Research Society of Southern Africa  
Prof Yuzo Yamamoto from Japan Surgical Society  
We have the honor of organising our 49th Annual Congress this year. It is our great pleasure to see our Society as active which is holding your interest every year in the era of ultraspecialised Societies, congresses and digital age.  
I am asking this question to myself. How we achieve this ? How ESSR holds this interest every year ?  
How we may achieve to organise an Annual Congress – not biannual or sporadic meetings ?  
The answer is actually hidden in the characteristics of ESSR.

ESSR is a modest Society welcomes everyone without looking on the specialty, level, background. It is an open platform, it is a school, committed to teach the people for being an academicians, scientist, academic surgeon. Let the members to collaborate.

Is it only the characteristics of ESSR are keeping the Society and its Congress such active ???  
Of course not.

I should not forget all of your interests and workouts which make the Society strong.

And of course also the efforts of the organizers. They prepare every year for us a very fruitful scientific and social programs. Before getting further, I would like to thank on behalf of all Budapest 2014 congress team to Dr Attila Szijarto, and Dr Peter Onody for their collaborations, and supports.

We have many new ideas in order to keep the Society more active, formative and expanded.

With altogether we would like to keep the level of the Society higher, make the Society stronger and keep the Society active further and further.

With that occasion I would like to thank all the members taken role for keeping ESSR active until today, developing the academic research, surgical research in Europe.

I wish you a very scientific, social, productive congress. I am sure the Congress will open new horizons in your mind and will help you for developing your carrier accordingly. I advice to meet with new colleagues, learn new methods, techniques, develop new friendships, collaborations, and enjoy all the moments of these unique day of your life.

I present you my best regards,

Thank you.

**Mustafa Cikirikcioglu, ESSR President**

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ESSR Annual Meeting 21-24. May. 2014- Budapest – Hungary – Family Picture ☺

### **First ESSR Lifetime Achievement Award – year 2014- Welcome introduction**

Dear Members of the Society, Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,  
I welcome you to the ESSR Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony.  
This year we launch a new tradition in the history of ESSR.

There are so many important key people who played active roles in the history of ESSR. The General Committee decided to honor every year one senior member of the Society with this new Award.

**The awardee of ESSR Lifetime Achievement Award is decided on the basis of the following points.**

- **Active member of the Society and attending to the meetings**
- **Working in the field of surgical research,**
- **Helping for the development of surgical research in Europe,**
- **Supporting young academicians on this field,**
- **Developing- innovating new methods, materials, equipments**

Based on the forementioned points, Prof Beat Walpoth was chosen as the owner of this year's award.

Beat Walpoth is the Director of the Cardiovascular Research Programme in Geneva-Switzerland. He began his medical training in Switzerland and completed his postgraduate training in Switzerland, UK and USA.

Since beginning of his carrier he had an interest for surgical research and also he had a chance to work with many key people who were well known for translational research like Ake Senning who developed the cardiac pacemaker, Norman Shumway and who worked active for the development of the heart transplantation and artificial hearts.

He had his first presentation in ESSR Annual Meeting at 1979 and since that time he and his group was active for all ESSR congresses. He presented during the ESSR annual meetings more than 30 papers. He is the author of more than 150 peer reviewed manuscripts, mentor more than 30 medical thesis.

**Mustafa Cikirikcioglu, ESSR President**  
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***ESSR Lifetime Achievement Award***  
**2014**

*On behalf of the Board of the European Society for Surgical Research,  
the ESSR President certifies that:*

***Prof Beat WALPOTH***

*is awarded the 2014 ESSR Lifetime Achievement Award.*

*His tireless collaborations with the Society and  
commitments to improving the standards of Academic Surgery –  
Surgical Research in Europe will never be forgotten.*

*The Board congratulates and wishes him every success.*

**Mustafa CIKIRIKCIOGLU, MD, PhD, FECS**  
President of ESSR  
23 May 2014- Budapest, Hungary

### **Presentation of the Society during the meeting of our Sister Societies**

#### **Representation of ESSR at the Annual Meetings of our Sister Societies 2014**

- **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of SARS, 9-10.January, 2014, London, United Kingdom:** Member at Large- Thomas Theologou and ESSR 2013 Walter Brendel Awardee- Johannes Norden from Rostock, Germany
- **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SUS, 4-6. February. 2014, San Diego, USA-** President of ESSR- Mustafa Cikirikcioglu and ESSR 2013 Best Clinical Research Awardee: Ezster Tuboly from Szeged, Hungary
- **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of SRS-SA- 26-27.June.2014, Natal-Southern Africa:** Secretary General of ESSR- Thomas Hubert and ESSR 2013 Walter Brendel Awardee- Johannes Norden from Rostock, Germany .

#### **Representation of ESSR at the Annual Meetings of our Sister Societies 2015**

- **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of SARS, 7-8.January, 2015,**
- **Durham, United Kingdom:** Secretary General of ESSR- Thomas Hubert and ESSR 2014 Walter Brendel Awardee- Andras Fulop from Budapest, Hungary
- **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SUS, 3-5. February. 2015, Las Vegas, USA-** President of ESSR- Mustafa Cikirikcioglu and ESSR 2014 Walter Brendel Awardee- Andras Fulop from Budapest, Hungary
- **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of SRS-SA- 25-26. June, Bloemfontein, Southern Africa:** Treasurer of the ESSR René Tolba and ESSR 2014 Best Clinical Research Awardee – Robert- Jan Coelen from Amsterdam- Netherlands.

#### **Plan for upcoming years**

- **2016 Annual Meetings of Sister Societies**
  - 2015 Walter Brendel awardee: **SARS** and **SRS-SA** meetings
  - 2015 ESSR Best Clinical Research awardee: **SUS** meeting
- **2017 Annual Meetings of Sister Societies**
  - 2016 Walter Brendel awardee: **SARS** and **SUS** meetings
  - 2016 ESSR Best Clinical Research awardee: **SRS-SA** meeting
- **2018 Annual Meetings of Sister Societies**
  - 2017 Walter Brendel awardee: **SARS** and **SRS-SA** meetings
  - 2017 ESSR Best Clinical Research awardee: **SUS** meeting
- **2019 Annual Meetings of Sister Societies**
  - 2018 Walter Brendel awardee: **SARS** and **SUS** meetings
  - 2018 ESSR Best Clinical Research awardee: **SRS-SA** meeting

#### **Recognition of the efforts key ESSR members and honoring them for their efforts**



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### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

The European Society for Surgical Research (ESSR)  
wishes to thank

**Prof Miguel CAINZOS**

His tireless collaborations with the Society and  
commitments to improving the standards of Academic Surgery -  
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**Mustafa CIKIRIKCIOGLU, MD, PhD, FECTS**  
President of ESSR  
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**Prof Yuzo YAMAMOTO  
&  
Japan Surgical Society**

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**Prof Mihaly BOROS**

His tireless collaborations with the Society and  
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President of ESSR  
23 May 2014 - Budapest, Hungary



### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

The European Society for Surgical Research (ESSR)  
wishes to thank

**Dr. Frank DOR**

for serving to the Society as

**Secretary General of ESSR: 2013-2014  
Member-at-Large: 2011-2013**

His tireless efforts working for the Society and  
his commitment to improving the standards of Academic Surgery -  
Surgical Research will never be forgotten.

**Mustafa CIKIRIKCIOGLU, MD, PhD, FECTS**  
President of ESSR  
23 May 2014 - Budapest, Hungary



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**Prof Alexander SCHACHTRUPP**  
&  
**B. Braun Melsungen AG**

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**Mustafa CIKIRIKCIOGLU, MD, PhD, FECTS**  
President of ESSR  
23 May 2014 - Budapest, Hungary

## **Note from the Secretary General**

### **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Surgical Research Society of Southern Africa**

Dr. Thomas Hubert, Secretary General of the ESSR, represented the Society during this congress. He was invited in Durban, South Africa, at the Nelson Mandela Faculty of Medicine. The SRS-SA is composed of surgeons from South Africa (mainly), Zimbabwe and Botswana. About 110 delegates including SARS (UK) and ESSR representatives and prize winners participated to this congress.

16 posters were shown and there was 1 plenary session.

A big difference with our themes presented during the ESSR congresses concerns presentations about injuries (trauma / crimes) and burns: 3.2 % of the SA population is burnt every year !

The banquet took place in Elangeri hotel, on the seaside, where the SARS and ESSR representatives were particularly well received. We thank here once again the organizers for their warm welcome. Weather conditions were also perfect (in spite of a rainy weather during the second day), with 26 °C. Dusk happened at 5pm but we were close to the South Pole...

In June 2055, the congress took place in Bloemfontein, at 100 km from Lesotho – altitude 1400m.





*This is to Certify that*

*Dr Thomas Hubert*

*has been elected as a*

*Corresponding Member*  
*of the*

*Surgical Research Society of Southern Africa*

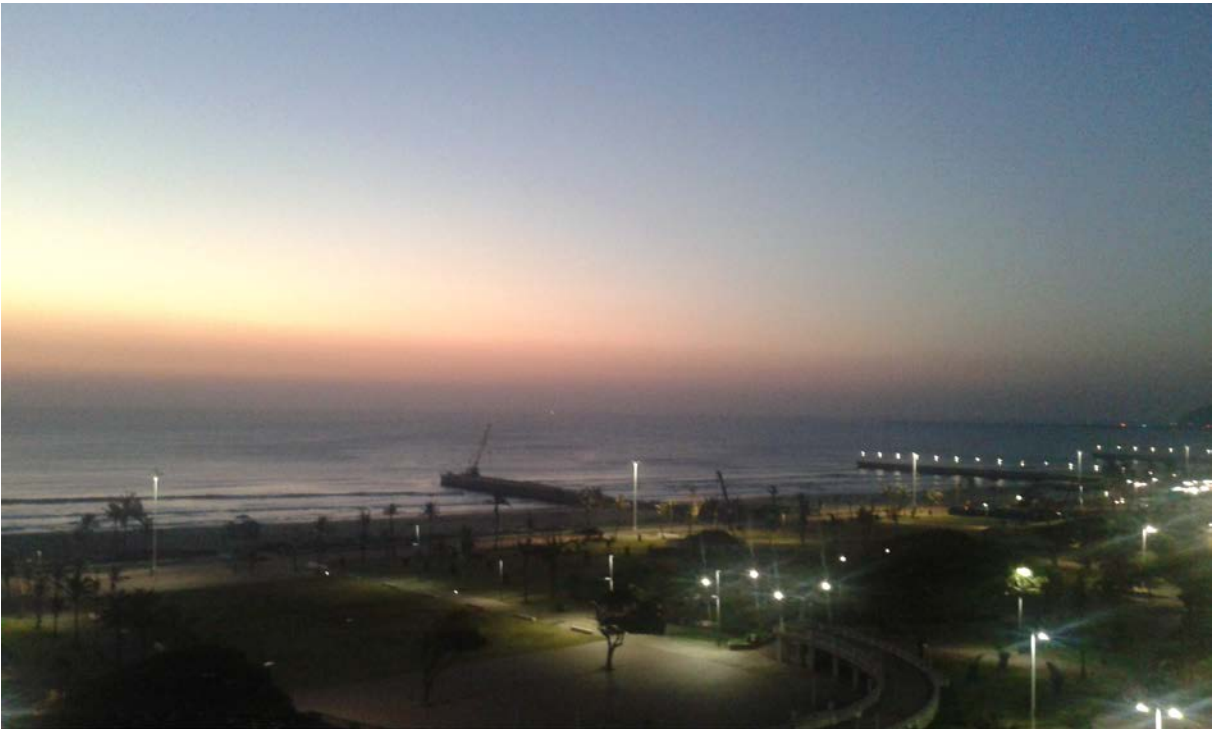
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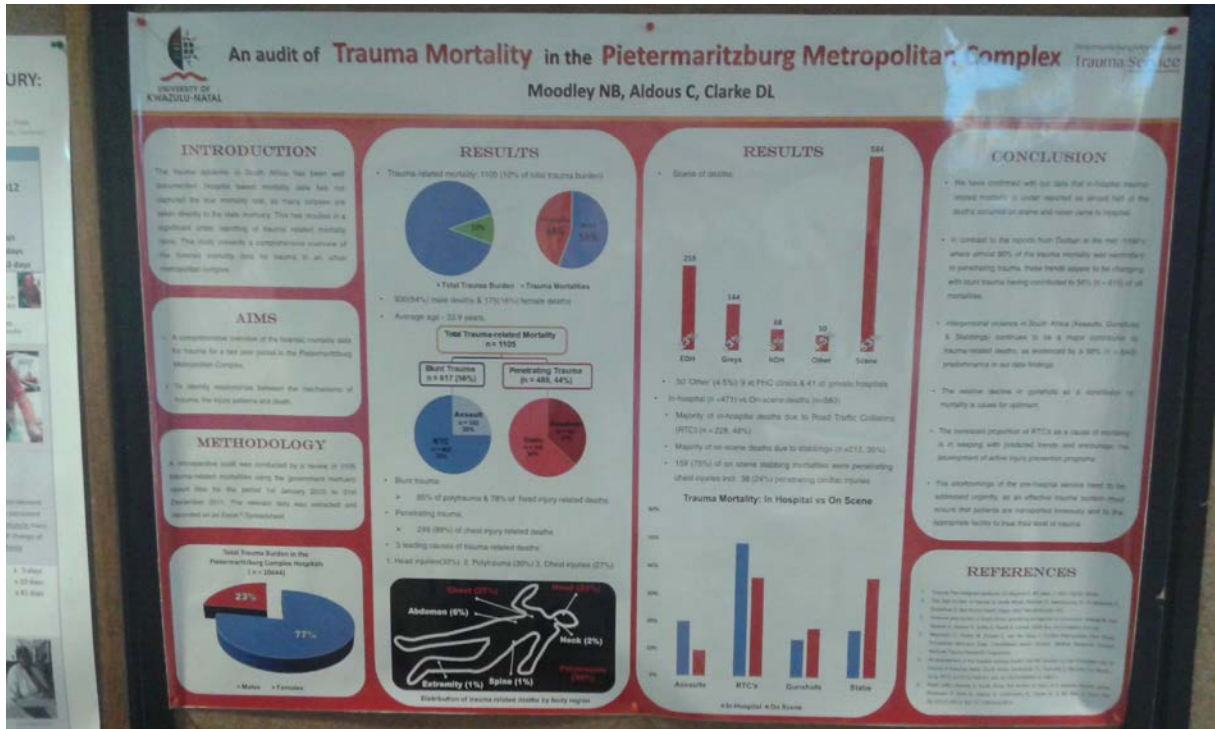
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## Note from the Treasurer

## **2014 ESSR ANNUAL MEETING- 21-24 MAY 2014 – BUDAPEST - HUNGARY**

The Annual Meeting of the European Surgical Society for Research was held between 21 May.2014 and 24 May 2014 in Budapest, Hungary and General Assembly of the Society took the place during that congress. Please find the details concerning the Annual Meeting and General Assembly below.

Renowned for its historical and cultural background, the beautiful city of Buda-Pest, crossed by the river Danube, is the capital of Hungary. The congress was held at the Marriott Hotel in Pest. The Congress President was Dr. Attila Sziarto, assisted by Prof. György Weber (Honorary President) and Dr. Peter Onody (Congress General Secretary).

After having a peer-review procedure of all submitted abstracts (396 !), 24 abstracts were elected for the award sessions, 263 abstracts for oral presentations, 13 studies for video-oral presentations and 120 abstracts for poster presentation. The 313 participants of the congress were coming from four continents which reflects the increasing internationalization of the Society. Additionally to the participants from European countries, there was an interest from countries outside of Europe like Japan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Brazil.

### **Pre-Congress Workshops:**

Four courses were proposed just before the congress: Advanced laparoscopy – skill labor (10 delegates), Surgical Anatomical Course (6 delegates), B Braun Workshop in Good Clinical Practice (6 delegates) and Scientific publication – research course (12 delegates).

### **Keynote lectures**

We had four keynote lectures during the congress. The invited lecturers were:

Prof. Beat Walpoth - Geneve, Switzerland as a Life Achievement Awardee - Development of biodegradable vascular grafts.

Dr. Attila Balogh, Budapest, Hungary: Interactive surgical summulation and learning management (4D Anatomy)

Prof György Lazar - Szeged, Hungary: Changes of paradigm in the surgical treatment of breast cancer  
Prof. Nikolay Lvovich Matveev - Moscow, Russia: Comparative analysis of laparoscopic and open hernioplasty in consecutive prospective groups.

Prof. Gabor Szabo - Heidelberg, Germany: Perspectives in cardiac surgery - Development of the novel cardioplegic solution, Custodiol-N: bench to bedside.

There were also invited speakers in the round table Novelties and guidelines in liver research- Summaries of evidences:

**Dr. Thomas Hubert** - Lille, France - Anatomical aspects of the study of the liver in animal sciences

**Prof. René Tolba**, Aachen, Germany - OLTx and ALDLTx models. Tips and tricks.

**Prof. Thomas van Gulik** - Amsterdam, The Neatherlands - Perfusion systems in animal liver research

**Dr. Attila Sziártó** - Budapest, Hungary - Liver regeneration in portal ligation models and ALPPS models.

**Dr. Krisztián Szigeti** - Budapest, Hungary - NanoCT and nanoMR as imaging system in liver researches

**Prof. Michael Choti** - Dallas, Texas, USA - Research in Ultrasound and Image-Guided Liver Surgery

### **The presentation of winners of the Sister Societies during the Young Investigator Award Session:**

The winners of our three Sister Societies were present with their Presidents (Prof Modise Koto – SRS-Southern Africa. Prof David J. Hackam – SUS- USA, Prof Cliff Shearman - SARS (UK) and they presented the following entitled papers in our Young Investigator Award Session.

**SARS winner (UK) – Dr. Hud Shaker** – “*The Tissue Factor Pathway May Promote Breast Cancer Stem Cell Activity*”.

**SUS winner (USA) – Dr. Rodrigo Interiano** – “*Tamoxifen Resistance Occurs Through SIAH2 in Estrogen Receptor Positive Breast Cancer*”.



**SRS-SA winner (Southern Africa)- Dr. Basil Enicker** – *“Neuronavigation Assisted Endoscopic Treatment of Paediatric Multiloculated Hydrocephalus”*.

### **Social program of the congress**

The welcome reception and the Gala Dinner were in the Marriott Hotel close to the Danube. The following prizes were awarded during the congress dinner.

### **Prize winners of ESSR 2014**

**Walter Brendel Award:** **Dr. András Fülöp**, from Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary, was awarded with the 2014 ESSR – Walter Brendel Award with his study entitled – *“Demonstration of the Effects of Portal Vein Ligation on Glucose Metabolism Using in vivo Multi-Modal PET/MRI Measurements in Healthy Rat Liver.”*

**ESSR Best Clinical Research Award:** **Dr. Robert-Jan Coelen**, from the Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, was awarded with the 2014 ESSR Best Clinical Research Award with her study entitled - *“Impact of Sarcopenia on Outcomes Following Resection for Perihilar Cholangiocarcinoma.”*

**B. Braun Award:** **Dr. Masashi Yoshida**, from the International University of Health and Welfare Mita Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, was awarded with the 2014 ESSR - B. Braun Award with his study entitled - *“Hypereye Medical System for Detecting Indocyanine Green Fluorescence Positive Sentinel Nodes in the Gastric Cancer Surgery.”*

**Young Investigator Award:** **Dr. Félix Gremontez**, from Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, was awarded with the 2014 ESSR Young Investigator Award with her study entitled - *“Adapting Tumor Interstitial Fluid Pressure for Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy.”*

**Poster Awards:** **Dr. Gergo Merkely**, from Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary, was awarded with one of the 2014 ESSR Best Poster Award with his study entitled - *“Vascular Impedance Changes after Total Aortic Arch Replacement – Superiority of Decellularized Allografts Compared with Conventional Prostheses.”*

**Dr. I.N. Saburina**, from the Institute of General Pathology and Pathophysiology RAMS, Moscow, Russia, was also awarded with the 2014 ESSR Best Poster Award with his study entitled – *“EPC in 3D Culture of HVC-MMSC for the Treatment of CLF”*.

In summary, the 49th Congress covered the full spectrum of surgical research, from the laboratory to the clinical part, and spanned essentially all branches of surgery. The invited lecturers gave stimulating and highly inspiring lectures. As per tradition, there remained a strong emphasis on the ‘young people’ – researchers, students, and residents – who represent the future of the Society.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY- 23 MAY 2014- BUDAPEST - HUNGARY**

#### **Changes to the General Committee**

The General Committee proposed current Member at Large, Dr. Thomas Hubert for Secretary General, Prof. Rene Tolba, for Treasurer, Dr. Peter Onody, for Junior Board Member, and Dr. Thomas Theologou and Dr. Jiri Fronck for Vice-Presidents.

The elections of the mentioned posts without having any other candidates were voted in a secret ballot and all the new members of the General Committee were elected anonymously.

The Society presented its appreciation to stepping out General Committee Members, particularly to Dr. Frank Dor for his help as Secretary General.





**(From left to right- Thomas Hubert, *New Secretary General of ESSR* ; Rene Tolba, *Treasurer of ESSR* ; Frank Dor, *Former Secretary General of ESSR* ; Attila Szijarto, *Member at Large*; Osman Yuksel, *Member at Large*; Peter Onody, *Junior Board Member* ; Mustafa Cikirikcioglu, *President of ESSR*; Ivo Post, *President ESSR Amsterdam 2017*; Jiri Fronek, *Vice-President of ESSR, President ESSR Prague 2016*; Mehmet Fatih Can, *Member at Large*) (Thomas Theologou, *Vice-President of ESSR, President ESSR Liverpool 2015* absent)**

## ESSR- General Committee 2014-2015

Name	Present and past functions	Position elected	Position ends	Remarks	Possible time to serve (max 6 yrs*)
<b>Mustafa Cikirikcioglu</b>	<b>President</b> Past Secretary General Past Member at Large Past 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> vice president	2013	2015	Congress President 2010	2008-2014
<b>Thomas Hubert</b>	<b>Secretary General</b> Past Member at Large	2014	2016	Congress Vice-President 2012	2012-2018
<b>Rene Tolba</b>	<b>Treasurer</b> Past 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> vice president	2014 (re-elected)	2016	Congress President 2011	2009-2015
<b>Thomas Theologou</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	2014	2016	Congress President 2015	2013-2019
<b>Jiri Fronek</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>	2014	2016	Congress President 2016	2012-2018
<b>Attila Szijarto</b>	<b>Member at Large</b> Past 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	2014	2016	Congress President 2014	2012-2018
<b>Osman Yuksel</b>	<b>Member at Large</b> Past 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> vice president	2013	2016	Congress President 2013	2011-2017
<b>Mehmet Fatih Can</b>	<b>Member at Large</b>	2013	2016	Congress Organizer 2013	2013-2019
<b>Peter Onody</b>	<b>Junior Board Member</b>	2014	2016	Congress Organizer 2014	2014-2020

*\* The maximum term of any member of the General Committee should not exceed 6 years \* (with the exception is the completion of the term length of the nominated positions)*

### **Venue applications for ESSR 2017 meeting**

There was one application for the ESSR 2017 Annual Meeting. Dr. Ivo Post presented their interest to organize the meeting at Amsterdam, The Netherlands, like he already did last year. General Committee appreciated to have their interests and preparations in order to inform the members of the Society by using well prepared flyers, and complete presentations about the cities, the plans for programs and the venues. Amsterdam was thus accepted as the congress city for 2017. Dr. Ivo Post is nominated by the General Assemble as 2017 congress president.

### **Application for membership and Emeritus Members**

The General committee received the application documents of the following colleagues and announced them as new members of the Society.

**Official Journal of ESSR - European Surgical Research (Karger Publisher) -  
EUROPEAN SURGICAL RESEARCH Editorial Board Member Meeting**

Dear Editorial Board Members of EUROPEAN SURGICAL RESEARCH

Our Journal EUROPEAN SURGICAL RESEARCH will be present at " the 49th Congress of the European Society for Surgical Research " taking place in Budapest from May 21 - 24, 2013. Professor Vollmar would like to take this opportunity to call a EUROPEAN SURGICAL RESEARCH Editorial Board Member meeting to coincide with this event. Should you already be attending the Congress, we would very much appreciate it if you could take time out of your visit to join us for a breakfast meeting.

Date: **Thursday, May 22, 2014**

Time: **7.30am - 08.30am**

Venue: Budapest Marriott Hotel. Exact details will be given to you at a later date.

The agenda will be sent closer to the date and we would appreciate feedback and comments to the issues listed from all invitees before the event, to be discussed by the board members attending the meeting.

For organizational reasons we are looking forward to receiving your early reply as to whether you will be able to attend the meeting. Please reply to the Editorial Office in Basel per email ([esr@karger.com](mailto:esr@karger.com)).

Kind Regards,  
Brigitte Vollmar,  
Editor-in-Chief

**50th ESSR Congress, 2015, Liverpool, UK**

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to invite you to Liverpool in the UK for the 50th International Congress of European Society for Surgical Research. The hosts for the congress will be the University of Liverpool Health & Sciences Department and the Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital.

We have enlisted the help of highly experienced partners to help organise the event including the University of Liverpool, PCO Worldspan Group and Liverpool Convention and Visitors Bureau. The theme for ESSR 2015 will be "Commitment to Academia and Innovation to Surgery". We are confident that with your help as presenters of papers and posters, delegates or commercial supporters we will organise a top level event with scientific merit, good networking opportunities and which is informative and enjoyable. Outside the Congress itself, Liverpool has a lot to offer

The City has a long and varied cultural and historic heritage. You may wish some down time or extend your stay, in which case you can enjoy Liverpool, a former recipient of the European City Of Culture award. The City is renowned the world over for its sporting and music links and is also home to the Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City, a UNESCO heritage site, and an amazing array of museums and galleries.

Whatever your preferences and interests we look forward to meeting and greeting you in June 2015 here in Liverpool.

**Mr. Thomas Theologou - ESSR President**  
**Prof Dion Morton - ESSR Honorary President**  
**Prof John Pepper - ESSR Honorary President**  
**Prof John Hunt – ESSR Honorary President**

### **Local Organising Committee:**

**Helen Bermingham**  
**Klaire Exarchou**

### **UK Organising Committee:**

**Hanif Shiwani (Sheffield)**  
**Jennifer Whitely (Glasgow)**  
**Tanjila Hakim (London)**  
**Georgios Dimitrakakis (Cardiff)**  
**Mekhola Mallik (Cambridge)**

## **51st ESSR Congress, 2016, Prague, Czech Republic**

The 51th Congress of the European Society for Surgical Research will be organized by Dr. Jiri Fronek, Prague, Czech Republic ([jjfr@medicon.cz](mailto:jjfr@medicon.cz)).

## **52nd ESSR Congress, 2017, Amsterdam, the Netherlands**

The 52nd Congress of the European Society for Surgical Research will be organized by Dr. Ivo Post, Amsterdam, the Netherlands ([i.c.post@amc.uva.nl](mailto:i.c.post@amc.uva.nl)).

## **53rd and 54th ESSR Congress, 2018 and 2019**

Members are encouraged to submit bids for the ESSR congress venue 2018 and 2019 to the President, Prof. René Tolba ([rtolba@ukaachen.de](mailto:rtolba@ukaachen.de)) and Secretary General, Dr. Thomas Hubert ([thubert@univ-lille2.fr](mailto:thubert@univ-lille2.fr))

The application should contain

- a motivation letter,
- the CV and publications of the candidate Congress President.
- According to the by laws of the Society, the Congress President should be under 45 years old and should organize the congress under his autonomy.

The General Committee expects the presence of and a presentation by the candidate “Congress President” during the General Assembly and the decision will be based on the closed votes of the members present at the GA.

## **Call for Applications: ESSR Fellowship Award- 2016**

**Name: ESSR Fellowship Award**

**Amount: 3.000 EUROS.**

Numerous members of ESSR are conducting important research; however, the collaboration within the ESSR could improve in the future. The ESSR wishes to foster cooperation and collaboration between various members and their departments especially those in different countries. The ESSR Fellowship Award was established in 2008 with the specific aim of increasing collaboration in surgical research within the ESSR.

**Application:**

The application for the ESSR Fellowship must include a candidate who is a paying member of ESSR. The project should involve at least two departments from different countries within the ESSR. The application should describe a project plan (max. 3 pages) stating the aim, background, work plan, methods, importance and budget signed by all involved departments. The hosts of the different departments must be paying members of ESSR. The deadline for the application is **1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2016** should be submitted to the President, Prof. René Tolba ([rtolba@ukaachen.de](mailto:rtolba@ukaachen.de)) and to the Secretary General, Dr. Thomas Hubert ([thubert@univ-lille2.fr](mailto:thubert@univ-lille2.fr))

The application should contain:

- Project plan (aim, background, work plan, methods, importance and budget)
- CV and publications of the candidate
- CV and publications of the hosts

*Please indicate whether applicants are paying members of ESSR.*

**Selection:** The General Committee will select the best project based on its scientific merits. The decision will be announced at the ESSR 2014 Congress in Budapest during the General Assembly.

**Scientific Report:** One year after receiving the ESSR fellowship, the candidate must report on the outcome at the ESSR congress. This presentation will be given a separate and distinct place in the scientific program on the opening day after the Brendel Award session.

### **Past ESSR Fellowship Awardees**

#### **2008- Dr. Gabor Eros, Szeged, Hungary:**

*Dietary phospholipids and chronic inflammation.*

Collaboration between the Universities of Szeged (Hungary) and Rostock (Germany).

#### **2009- Dr Mehmet Fatih Can, Ankara, Turkey:**

*Multicenter double-blind randomized trial of the clinical value of preoperative oral carbohydrate loading in colorectal surgery.*

Collaboration between Gulhane Military School of Medicine, Ankara (Turkey) and Universities of Ghent (Belgium) and Szeged (Hungary).

#### **2010- Dr Thomas Roller, Homburg, Germany:**

*Role of platelets and CD40L in septic lung injury.*

Collaboration between Universities of Saarland in Homburg (Germany) and Lund University in Malmo (Sweden).

#### **2011- Dr Petra Haartmann, Szeged, Hungary:**

*Experimental hepatectomy – novel possibilities to modulate ischemic consequences*

Collaboration between Universities of Szeged (Hungary) and Aachen (Germany).

#### **2012- Dr Bendix Slegtenhorst, Rotterdam, The Netherlands:**

*Older organs are more sensitive to the consequences of prolonged ischemia: The role of dendritic cells*

Collaboration between Universities of Erasmus- Rotterdam (Netherlands) and Harvard - Boston (USA).

#### **2013- Dr Zoltan Czigany, Budapest, Hungary:**

*A rodent model of orthotopic liver transplantation with the application of remote ischemic conditioning as a treatment for reducing ischemic-reperfusion injury*

Collaboration between Universities of RWTH Aachen- Aachen (Germany) and Semmelweis University Budapest, Hungary

#### **2014- Dr Johanne Puegge, Rostock, Germany:**

*Epigenetic regulation of dendritic cell dysfunction in sepsis-induced immunosuppression*

Collaboration between University of Rostock, Rostock, Germany and Lunds University, Malmo, Sweden.

#### **2015-Dr András Budai, Budapest- Hungary:**



*Reveal the early mechanics and the importance of portal overflow using a rodent model of ALPPS induced liver regeneration*

Collaboration between Universities of Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Semmelweis University Budapest, Hungary

**AND**

**Dr Ivan Fedoriv, Ukraine:**

*Adaptive changes in the small bowel of rats following a 50% resection of the distal part of the small intestine, and the effect of Peptides GLP-1 and GLP-2 in this experimental setting*

Collaboration between Universities of Leioa, Spain and Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

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