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Dear Participants,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Science Committee, we would like to invite you to participate in the 22nd EFORT Congress in Vienna from 30 June to 02 July 2021. We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of EFORT and we are looking forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

The annual meeting of EFORT is the largest platform within European Orthopaedics and Traumatology for the exchange of knowledge and experiences within Europe, but also with colleagues from other parts of the world. To celebrate this anniversary, the Science and Education Committees have created an exceptional programme for both young and experienced delegates, covering important and hot topics ranging from basic research to the daily practice of orthopaedics and trauma.

The main theme of the Congress in Vienna will be **Sustainable Professional Practice** and we will provide innovative sessions on green orthopaedics, mental health and value-based healthcare. Additional highlights are patient and implant safety, new registry data, the latest surgical techniques as well as quality improvement, just to mention a few.

The format of the meeting will encourage interaction between participants with Symposia, Instructional Lectures and Interactive Expert Exchange sessions given by distinguished speakers from all over Europe. Other sessions will include Complex Case Discussion sessions, the Full-Day course in Total Hip & Total Knee Replacement as well as Free Papers and Clinical Cases submissions from all over the world.

The Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) have accepted our invitation to be the ‘Invited Nation’ at our 22nd EFORT Congress and we are delighted that the APOA will further enhance the scientific and educational quality. Furthermore, traditionally, two highly renowned orthopaedic surgeons will deliver the Michael Freeman and Erwin Morscher Honorary Lectures.

As we were unfortunately unable to visit Vienna in 2020, we are preparing an inspiring programme for 2021 in this magnificent city and are highly optimistic that we will be able to safely meet again personally after prolonged pandemic-related restrictions. There is nothing to beat social contact and physical networking, therefore we are looking forward to meeting you and sharing the highest quality scientific contributions as well as the professional and social exchanges this magnificent city will foster during the 22nd EFORT Congress in 2021.

Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Günther  
EFORT President 2020/2021  
EFORT Congress President 2021

Prof. Dr. Philippe Neyret  
EFORT Congress Co-President 2021

Prof. Dr. Søren Overgaard  
EFORT Chairman Science Committee
NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

Albania AAOST Albanian Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
Austria OGO Austrian Society of Orthopaedics and Orthopaedical Surgery
Belarus BRSMTOS Belarus Republic Scientific Medical Society of Trauma and Orthopedic Surgeons
Belgium BVOT Belgian Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Belgium SORBCOT Belgian Royal Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
Bosnia and Herzegovina UOTBIH Association of Orthopedists and Traumatologists of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria BOTA Bulgarian Orthopaedics and Traumatology Association
Bosnia and Herzegovina BRSMTOS
Croatia COTA/HUOT Croatian Orthopaedic and Traumatology Association
Croatia COs Croatian Orthopaedic Society of the Croatian Medical Association
Cyprus CAOST Cyprus Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
Czech Republic CSOT Czech Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Denmark DOS Danish Orthopaedic Society
Estonia ETOS Estonian Orthopaedic Society
Finland SOY-FQA Finnish Orthopaedic Association
Republic of North Macedonia MAOT Macedonian Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
France SOFCOT French Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
Germany DGOU German Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Greece HAOST Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
Hungary MDT/HOA Hungarian Orthopaedic Association
Iceland IIF Icelandic Orthopaedic Society
Ireland IOA Irish Orthopaedic Association
Italy SOIT Italian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Kosovo KSOTS Kosovo Society of Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgeons
Lithuania LSOT/LOTD Lithuanian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Luxembourg SLOT Luxembourgian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Malta AOTS/M Association of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeons of Malta
Montenegro AMOT Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatologists of Montenegro
Netherlands NOV Dutch Orthopaedic Association
Norway Nof Norwegian Orthopaedic Association
Poland PTOITR Polish Orthopedic and Traumatologic Society
Portugal SPOIT Portuguese Society of Orthopedics and Traumatology
Romania SOROT Romanian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Serbia SOTA Serbian Orthopaedic Trauma Association
Slovakia SOTS Slovak Orthopaedic and Traumatologic Society
Slovenia SOA/ZOSZD Slovenian Orthopaedic Society
Spain SECOIT Spanish Orthopaedic and Traumatology Society
Sweden SOF Swedish Orthopaedic Association
Switzerland TSOT/TOTBID Swiss Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (swiss orthopaedics)
Turkey TSOIT/TOBID Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Ukraine UAOIT Ukrainian Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Traumatologists
United Kingdom BOA British Orthopaedic Association

ASSOCIATED SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Armenia AOITRA Association of Orthopaedists, Traumatologists and Rehabilitologists of Armenia
Australia AOA Australian Orthopaedic Association
Azerbaijan AAOT Azerbaijan Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Bangladesh BOS Bangladesh Orthopaedic Society
Cameroon CSOST Cameroonian Society of Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery
Egypt EDA Egyptian Orthopaedic Association
Iran POTA Persian Orthopaedic Trauma Association
Israel IOA Israeli Orthopaedic Association
Jordan JOA Jordanian Orthopaedic Association
Lebanon LOA Lebanese Orthopaedic Association
Mexico FEMECOT Mexican Federation of Orthopaedics and Traumatology Colleges
Oman OSO Orthopaedic Society of Oman
Saudi Arabia SOA Saudi Orthopaedic Association

SPECIALTY SOCIETIES

Specialty Society Sessions form an integral part of each EFORT Congress.

EFORT would like to take this opportunity to thank already the Specialty Societies that will be involved in the 22nd EFORT Congress in Vienna for their valuable input and active contribution to the scientific programme.
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Call for abstracts

Submit your abstract: 09 November 2020 – 11 January 2021 23:59 CET
https://scientific.efort.org/efort2021

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The abstract submission system is accessible through the EFORT Congress portal at https://congress.efort.org from 09 November 2020. EFORT does not accept resubmissions. Only abstracts submitted electronically will be considered.

CATEGORIES OF ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

TRAUMA
- Spine Trauma
- Shoulder & Upper Arm Trauma
- Elbow & Forearm Trauma
- Hand & Wrist Trauma
- Pelvic Trauma
- Hip & Femur Trauma
- Knee & Lower Leg Trauma
- Foot & Ankle Trauma
- Polytrauma
- Paediatric Trauma
- Varia Trauma

ORTHOPAEDICS
- Spine
- Shoulder & Upper Arm
- Elbow & Forearm
- Wrist & Hand
- Pelvis, Hip & Femur
- Knee & Lower Leg
- Foot & Ankle
- Paediatric Orthopaedics
- Musculoskeletal Tumors
- Musculoskeletal Infections

GENERAL TOPICS
- Basic Sciences
- Biomechanics
- Implants, Biomaterials & Registry Studies
- Systemic Disorders
- Methodology
- Health Economy
- Education
- Quality Management
- Miscellaneous

ONLINE SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

After logging on https://scientific.efort.org/efort2021 follow the instructions through the system to guarantee a correct and complete submission. Please be aware that a valid email address and current institution for each co-author are mandatory. EFORT will communicate with authors via the contact addresses given during the submission process.

Abstracts must correspond to previously unpublished work. EFORT reserves the right to reject your abstract if previously presented. Submission is defined by an initial branching to differentiate Clinical Research vs. Basic Science abstracts and Systematic Reviews. Please choose carefully your main category. Submitters define the type of presentation i.e. Free Paper (Podium), Clinical Report (Podium) or Poster (Paper Wall Posters) wished. EFORT reserves the right to change the main category and/or the type of presentation of your abstract(s).

There is no restriction on the number of abstracts submitted by a unique author or research group, but each registered participant will have a maximum of six abstracts (three podiums and three posters) accepted. Double submissions are automatically withdrawn.

Submitters can edit the authorship information and core data of their abstract(s) directly on the online platform until the submission deadline. For technical support and further abstract requests, please directly contact the EFORT Abstract Team at scicom@efort.org.

INFORMATION ON ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE

Authors and co-authors will receive acceptance/rejection notifications on Monday 01 March 2021. The presenting author of a selected abstract must undertake to attend the Congress and present the abstract in the session and at the time designated by the EFORT Science Committee. EFORT requires each presenting author to complete his/her full registration to the congress to validate his/her abstracts in the final scientific programme. Deadline for registration of presenting authors is Monday 29 March 2021, 23:59 CET.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts accepted as Free Papers are presented orally within scientific sessions embedded in the core Congress programme. Very high scientific quality is expected from these presentations, which should correspond to complete studies with outstanding results and innovative conclusions. To ensure that sessions run smoothly, please refer to the Presentation Guidelines available online. The best-rated Free Papers under both Orthopaedics and Trauma main categories will be selected to compete in the Free Paper Award competition and will receive specific guidelines.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

All abstracts accepted as Posters will be presented at the Congress as print wall paper posters. Authors are welcome to add images, tables and detailed data to better document their work. A large display area will be dedicated to poster presentations and Poster Walks will be organised during the Congress to have posters evaluated by experts in the corresponding fields. To ensure that posters are under the correct format for display, please refer to the Poster Guidelines available online. Best-rated Posters will compete for the Jacques Duparc Award and will receive specific guidelines.
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**THE EXPERTS CONTRIBUTION**

EFORT aims to provide worthy scientific guidance via the presentation of well-established medical techniques, but also to highlight new evidence in emerging fields. Renowned experts will discuss their procedures, the rationale for their decisions, their successes and failures. At the Congress, an important source of international knowledge and experience in the prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries of the musculoskeletal system will be within your reach. The EFORT scientific sessions are training programs with high scientific value. Authors invited to contribute to the scientific content of the Congress by presenting their work orally should adhere to the same standards, as their contributions are an essential part of the core programme.

As EFORT is the biggest European platform to share orthopaedic and trauma knowledge, an active participation in our upcoming 2021 Congress is the best opportunity to identify new data related to any specialty, gather useful tips and tricks to enhance daily medical achievements and expand the professional network.

**FEATURED PROGRAMMES**

- Advanced Concepts in Total Hip & Total Knee Replacement
- Comprehensive Review Course
- NORE Session
- Publishing Session
- Mass Casualty Incidents Symposium
- Invited Nation Symposium
- Trauma Group Symposium
- Implant and Patient Safety Initiative
- EFORT Foundation Symposium

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mental Health - surgeons, physicians, nurses, allied health professionals
- Patient Treatment – long-term results, PROMS, etc.
- Ecological Environment - manufacturing & waste reduction (green@orthopaedics)
- Professional Development And Education - Improved outcome for learners
- Networks - sharing resources & synergy with all partners
- Finances - public finances & institute success
- The Decade of healthy ageing

**PRELIMINARY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

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About Vienna

A CITY OF RICH CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE

The Austrian capital is world-famous for its rich cultural and historical heritage that can be sampled in the 100 museums or just by strolling the streets of the old city centre that belongs to the UNESCO world cultural heritage. Vienna is known as one of the music capitals of the world. There is no other city where so many famous composers have lived, and music tradition is kept alive in Vienna’s famous opera house and concert halls. Modern musicals have replaced the old operetta, with two theatres devoted to this genre alone. Nowadays Vienna is also known as a modern art centre and a city with a very high quality of life. In addition to sites of historical interest the city offers fine examples of innovative architecture, fashionable shopping areas, and moreover samples of Viennese lifestyle in its traditional coffee houses, the Heurigen (wine taverns), trendy bars, sausage vendors and discos.

Headquarter City

Vienna is one of the 4 official seats of the United Nations and home to 15 UN organizations, OSZE and OPEC, as well as 18 other international organizations. 200 international corporations have their Eastern European headquarters in Vienna (incl. JVC, Heineken, Henkel, Beiersdorf, Siemens) in addition to Austrian companies of global significance (e.g. Wienerberger AG, OMV). Every year, over 100 international companies open a branch office in Vienna.

Knowledge City

Over 34,000 people work in Vienna in the field of research and development, 43% of all research activities in Austria take place in Vienna. The city has 9 public universities, 5 advanced technical colleges and 6 private universities, with a population of over 160,000 students, the largest university city in the German-speaking region.

Diverse City

Formerly the capital of a multicultural and multilingual empire, Vienna has retained its international flair. 570,000 people of international origins from 198 countries live in Vienna, 200,000 from EU Member States. 49% of Viennese have a migrant background (either personally born outside of Austria or with at least one parent born elsewhere).
Travel information

VENUE

Reed Messe Wien Exhibition & Congress Center – Entrance A
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A-1021 Vienna
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GETTING AROUND

Vienna International Airport, Wien-Schwechat, is located just outside the city of Vienna, a few kilometers southeast of the Schwechat suburb.

By car
GPS: 1020 Vienna, Ausstellungsstrasse or Trabrennstrasse

- From the South, take the motorway Südautobahn A2 – Südosttangente A23 direction Praha/Brno – exit at Handelskai/Messezentrum.
- From the East, take the motorway Ostautobahn A4 / Südosttangente A23 direction Praha/Brno – exit at Handelskai/Messezentrum.
- From the West, take the motorway Westautobahn A1 – at the Steinhäusl junction take Außenringautobahn A21 – then, at the Vösendorf / Südosttangente junction take the A23 direction Praha/Brno – exit at Handelskai/Messezentrum.
- From the North, follow the motorway Donauuferautobahn A22 – exit at Reichsbrücke direction Zentrum – after the bridge, turn left at the first traffic light into Vorgartenstraße and drive to the junction to Ausstellungsstraße.

By Airport Train – CAT
The City Airport Train / CAT takes just 16 minutes direct from central Vienna to the airport and vice versa. The CAT operates daily from 05.37 am to 23.39 pm, every 30 minutes. The City Airport Train station is just 10 minutes from St. Stephan’s Cathedral at Wien Mitte station, which can be reached easily by tram, underground, bus or taxi.

To reach the Congress Center from Wien Mitte station, take the U4 line in direction Heiligenstadt, get out at Schottenring, take the U2 line in direction Seestadt and get off at stop Messe/Prater.
The Congress Entrance is the Entrance A

Regional Buses
Vienna Airport Lines (Postbus) connects Vienna Airport with the main Vienna transport hubs. The 3 Vienna Airport Lines serve all of Vienna’s underground railway lines and also Wien West and Wien Meidling railway stations. Buses to the city centre (Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz) run 24 hours a day; journey time is 20 minutes. See the airport map to locate the departure points at the airport.

Taxi
Taxi stands are located outside the arrival terminals. It takes around 20-25 minutes to the city centre.

HOW TO REACH THE CONGRESS CENTER

Public Transport within Vienna to Reed Messe Wien Exhibition & Congress Center
Vienna has an excellent Public Transport System which is very effective and inexpensive. Tickets are available from machines at underground stations (maestro debit cards accepted), at news agent’s, or at Vienna Transport Authority’s ticket offices.
Tickets bought in advance are cheaper and must be punched in a blue ticket cancelling machine on the tram or bus, or at the barrier before boarding the underground train.

You can reach Messe Wien Exhibition & Congress Center using either:
- metro line U2 from Karlsplatz direction Seestadt, exit at the station Messe/Prater. The station Messe/Prater is just a short walk from Reed Messe or;
- bus lines 11A from Heiligenstadt and line 80b from Kaiserebersdorf direction Seestadt, stop Messe/Prater or;
- tramway line D direction Süd bahnhof to Schottentor and tramway line 5 direction Praterstern to Praterstern, change there to U2 metro line.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Congrex Switzerland is the official congress partner for hotel accommodation and is the only agency offering accommodation on behalf of the 22nd EFORT Congress. Hotels occasionally publish online or last-minute promotion rates for a limited number of rooms which may vary from the prices contracted for this congress.

As the official EFORT 2021 partner, Congrex Switzerland offers highly dedicated customer service and professional support for all your accommodation needs. We can offer you great deals in a wide range of hotels in the vicinity of the congress venue and all over the city of Vienna. Early booking is highly recommended as rooms typically sell fast in prime locations and hotels have limited capacities.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION

In order to make a hotel reservation, please:

- access the congress website: www.efort.org/vienna2021. Click “Accommodation” to make your preliminary choice
- access the registration platform and choose your hotel accommodation.

INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS

Participants can book their hotel room online and payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard or American Express) is mandatory.

GROUP RESERVATIONS

Group bookings cannot be made online as different terms and conditions apply. For further information, up-to-date availability and reservation, please contact us at hotel.efort@congrex.com.

PAYMENT POLICY

For online reservations full credit card payment is required. After a successful reservation, you will receive a written confirmation by e-mail. When checking out, all extras (mini-bar, telephone charges, room service, etc.) must be settled with the hotel directly.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- **Cancellations**
  
  For cancellations made before 11 March 2021, a handling fee of EUR 60 applies. Cancellations received after 11 March 2021 will be charged in full. Cancellations of individual nights (i.e. date changes) are also considered as cancellations and will be charged as such. Requests for refunds may be considered after the conference if the room has been resold (either by Congrex or the hotel).

- **Name Changes**
  
  Changes can be made via Congrex Switzerland at hotel.efort@congrex.com and are subject to a handling fee of EUR 30.

WARNING: There is an increasing number of fraudulent websites impersonating the 22nd EFORT Congress. We would like to warn all participants to be aware of possible scams and strongly advise that you only use the official accommodation partner, Congrex Switzerland, when making reservations.