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BELGRADE 25-27 SEPTEMBER 2013 | SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



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BIG REDUCTIONS FOR ESCP MEMBERS

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WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

ESCP anorectal & pelvic floor ultrasound Advances in transanal surgical technique ESCP educational workshop *Colorectal Disease* authors' workshop

TIMETABLE

Official opening Wednesday at 13:00 Exhibition open Wednesday at 16:00 Wednesday networking supper at 19:00 Meeting ends Friday at 17:45

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Satellite Symposia on Wednesday at 18:30 & Thursday at 13:30



Satellite Symposia on Wednesday at 15:45 and Friday at 13:15

Early registration and accommodation deadline: Friday 28 June 2013 Abstract deadline date: Friday 10 May 2013

(all events except the Ultrasound Course take place at the Sava Centar. For Ultrasound course venue information visit www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade)

Date	Time	Activity		
Tuesday 24 September	18:00 - 20:00	EBSQ written exam		
Wednesday 25 September	Morning 08:00 - 13:00 10:00 - 13:00 11:00 - 13:00 13:00 13:10 onwards 16:00 19:00 - 21:30	 EBSQ individual examinations Congress workshops: Anorectal & pelvic floor ultrasound course Anorectal & pelvic floor ultrasound course bk medical 2. TAMIS: Beyond Local Excision? Educational workshop Opening ceremony Video surgery, trials symposium, keynote lecture, oral posters and ESCP Fellowship update, Authors' workshop: how to write a paper / satellite symposia Exhibition opens Networking supper: welcome drinks and buffet - included in registration fee! 		
Thursday 26 September	07:45 - 13:00 13:00 - 14:30 14:30 - 18:15 18:15 - 19:00 20:00	Symposium, keynote lectures, NEW research focus , oral posters Long lunch / exhibition / lunchtime posters + Trainee workshop & lunch & satellite symposia Symposium & free papers (including the Six Best papers) ESCP Annual General Meeting ESCP "Meal Out" at Kalemegdanska Terasa Restaurant		
Friday 27 September	07:45 - 12:40 12:40 - 14:20 14:20 - 17:45 17:45	Symposia, keynote lecture, Consultants' Corner, free papers Long lunch / exhibition / lunchtime posters + satellite symposia Symposium, keynote lecture, free papers, oral posters Closing ceremony		

Visit www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade for more	Abstract deadline date:
information and to register on-line (from April 2013)	Friday 10 May 2013
Abstract submissions available online at www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade	Early registration & accommodation deadline: Friday 28 June 2013

Future ESCP Dates (we expect that the programme change will apply to future years)

2014	Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 September	Istanbul, Turkey
2015	Wednesday 23 - Friday 25 September	Dublin, Ireland
2016	Dates to be confirmed	Venue to be confirmed
2017	Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 September	Venue to be confirmed
2018	Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 September	Venue to be confirmed

ESCP Meeting, Belgrade 2013

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to the 8th ESCP Scientific and Annual General meeting at the Sava Centar in Belgrade! ESCP is dedicated to promoting and advancing the science, knowledge and practice of Coloproctology with high quality multidisciplinary annual clinical and scientific meetings.

The programme will commence on Wednesday at 13:00, and we have a superb range of symposia and keynote lectures. New features include a special **"Research Focus"** session on standardizing endpoints which will be convened by ESCP's Research Committee chaired by Dion Morton, in addition to the Clinical Trials update scheduled on Wednesday afternoon in parallel to the **video surgery** session.

Please also take careful note of the various workshop activities that are scheduled for Wednesday morning, where there are interesting choices available. Accommodation in Belgrade is very reasonably priced, so why not travel on Tuesday evening in order to really make the most of this exciting precongress selection! We are particularly pleased also to say that for the first time this year, owing to the success of past congresses, we can announce that **ESCP Member registration rates have been reduced**... so do check your membership status before you register. **Be a member and save even more.**

Symposia will cover a wide range of topics including pelvic surgery for rectal cancer, recto-urogenital fistulas and an update on Crohn's to name just a few. There will be five "State of the Art" lectures delivered by recognized experts in the field, each followed by discussion and other popular regulars such as **"Consultants' Corner"** will feature again.

Don't forget, register early to take advantage of the best rates, and book your hotel and flights early too! Hotels in Belgrade offer excellent value for money, and it is a very affordable destination to arrive on Tuesday and go to Wednesday morning workshops, and also to include Friday night to enjoy the city on Saturday before your return.

We hope very much to welcome you to beautiful Belgrade where Past President **Zoran Krivokapic** has promised us an outstanding welcome!

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FELLOWSHIP AND RESEARCH FEATURES

ESCP Fellowship and Research Committee updates are included in this announcement. See pages 12 and 18.

ACCOMMODATION

You can book accommodation through online registration again this year, full details of available hotels will be on the ESCP website when registration opens in April and we urge you to book early in order to book your first choice of hotel.

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Venue

The venue for all sessions is:

Sava Centar

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The Sava Centar is the largest conference, cultural and business centre in Serbia and has been the venue for more than 7,000 national and international congresses and conferences attended by over 1.5 million participants. Audiences of more than seven million people have seen almost 8,000 cultural and artistic events organised under its roof.

Commissioned by the Belgrade City Assembly and built in 1977, this modern complex is situated in one of the most attractive parts of Belgrade, only five minutes away from the city centre and 15 minutes away from Belgrade's Nikola Tesla Airport.

There are a number of very good and well priced hotels within walking distance, and more just a few stops away by bus, these being located in the city centre just across the river. Details of these properties will be available on the ESCP website in the coming months.

Key Dates

Friday 10 May 2013 Deadline for abstract submission

Friday 28 June 2013 Hotel booking and payment deadline date Deadline for early registration rate Best rates for ESCP members end today!

Wednesday 18 September 2013 Deadline for late registration rate Higher rates apply for registrations after 18 September!

Call for Main Abstracts

Abstract Deadline Date: Friday 10 May 2013

Abstracts on any topic in Coloproctology will be considered by the Programme Committee and may be selected for one of the following groups below.

- Group 1: the 6 best oral presentations will be selected to be presented in a special plenary session on Thursday 26 September
- Group 2: oral presentations will be selected on merit from submitted abstracts and will be presented in parallel sessions, either as Free Papers or Oral Posters (but not as part of the poster area)
- Group 3: lunchtime posters: a further 90 posters will be selected on merit for a lunchtime poster session (45 on Thursday, 45 on Friday) when authors (or a representative) are asked to be ready for review and discussion
- Group 4: posters: all other accepted abstracts should be prepared as posters (see www.escp. eu.com/Belgrade for board specifications and times of access). There will be no set poster session time, and posters are available to all delegates during the meeting

Prizes for the winners of groups 1 and 3 will be awarded in the main auditorium; see programme for timings.

How to submit

Main abstract submissions should be no longer than **200 words**. You will be required to use the on-screen form provided, and you will not be able to include diagrams or graphs. Please go to **www.** escp.eu.com/Belgrade

Step 1: go to www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade and select the "abstracts" page

Step 2: click on the link to abstract submission
Step 3: register your details, enter your coauthors (in the order they should be printed)
Step 4: await confirmation by e-mail that you have registered as a user

Step 5: using the link provided, return to online submission to enter your abstract

Authors are kindly requested not to enter author names into the body of the abstract, please use the fields provided in the registration form. Please **do not** use upper case letters in the title of your abstract!

Call for Trials Symposium Abstracts Registration Fees

PLEASE NOTE SUBMISSIONS ARE OFF-LINE THIS YEAR: YOU MUST USE THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED ON THE ESCP WEBSITE, SUBMISSIONS NOT RECEIVED ON THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Date of session: Wednesday 25 September at 13:10 - 15:15

Abstracts are invited relating to trials that are either new OR ongoing but require further recruitment on a national or international basis. Submissions will be reviewed by the ESCP Research Committee, the best being selected on merit for presentation of protocol during a 2-hour Trials Symposium run by the Research Committee chaired by Dion Morton. Abstracts should be submitted using the template provided, and should be structured in the following way:

- 1. Background
- 2. Objectives and research questions
- 3. Methods:
 - Design
 - Inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - Primary and secondary outcome parameters
 - Group size calculation .
 - Time frame & funding

The format of presentations for those selected will be advised after selection.

Timetable (all abstracts):

Friday 10 May at 23:00 (CET)	Abstract deadline	
Monday 13 - Friday 24 May	Marking and review by Scientific Committee	
Monday 3 June	Latest estimated notification date for all authors	

Conference registration will be available to authors at the early registration rate until 31 August 2013. The early rate will not be available after this date. If a selected author cannot attend the conference, the ESCP should be notified with the name of the replacement presenter within 48 hours.

ESCP Conference

Conference registrations must be completed online, via the ESCP website, and paid by credit card. To register online, please visit www.escp. eu.com/Belgrade and select Registration.

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Your data: all attendees are asked to note that details of registered delegates will be made available to participating exhibitors in the period leading up to the meeting. If you do not wish your details to be divulged, please ensure you opt out during registration. Data scanners will be available to companies exhibiting, in order that they can more easily capture details of your visit to their stand. ESCP represents a significant investment for companies whose support is very valuable and enables us to keep registration rates down (and lower!). Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Reduced Registration Fees:

Latvia

Following an appraisal of individual country economic reports, there are changes to the countries eligible for lower registration fees this year. Please note the following countries only are eligible:

Albania Belarus Bosnia Bulgaria Croatia Estonia

Georgia Hungary Lithuania Poland Romania

Russia Serbia Slovakia Turkev Ukraine

ESCP Conference Registration Fees

	Early registrations received by 28 June			Late registrations received from 29 June to 18 September inclusive		On-site registration (from 19 September)	
	Member	Non- Member		Member	Non- Member	Member	Non- Member
REGISTRATION							
Full registration	€360.00	€510.00		€490.00	€640.00	€540.00	€690.00
Full registration - reduced	€225.00	€370.00		€300.00	€460.00	€350.00	€510.00
Trainee/Affiliate/Nurse	€175.00	€290.00		€275.00	€380.00	€320.00	€420.00
One-day registration	€250.00	€340.00		€350.00	€400.00	€350.00	€400.00
Ultrasound Course	€70.00	€70.00		€85.00	€85.00	€90.00	€90.00
Ultrasound Course reduced	€45.00	€45.00		€55.00	€55.00	€60.00	€60.00
SOCIAL EVENTS							
Wednesday networking supper (additional tickets) €30.00			€35.00		€40.00		
Thursday meal out €45.00				€50.00		€60.00	

There is no charge for the Educational or Authors' workshops, but please SELECT ONLINE if you wish to attend.

The registration fee includes admission to all scientific sessions (*unless registered for one day only*), a final programme and abstract book, the welcome networking supper on Wednesday evening, lunch on Thursday and Friday, and a certificate of attendance with CME points (see page 14).

A number of complimentary registrations are available to medical students with an interest in coloproctology, applications should be made by email at **info@escp.eu.com**. **Conference registration cancellation:** in the event of cancellation of registration up to 1st August 2013, an administrative charge of \in 50 will apply, and refunds will be made after the conference. We regret that we cannot make any refunds on registrations cancelled after 1st August.



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WEDNESDAY	25 SEPTEMBER
08:00 - 13:00	WORKSHOP - ULTRASOUND COURSESupported by bk medicalCourse directors: Anders Mellgren (USA), Giulio Santoro (Italy)bk medical08:00Introduction: course objectives - Anders Mellgren, Giulio Santoro08:15Normal ultrasound anatomy of the anal canal and rectum - Carlo Ratto08:30Normal ultrasound anatomy of the pelvic floor - Giulio Santoro08:45Ultrasound evaluation of fistula and abscess - Carlo Ratto09:00Ultrasound evaluation of faecal incontinence - Bruno Roche09:15Ultrasound in preoperative staging of rectal cancer - Anders Mellgren09:30Coffee/tea10:00Ultrasound of anterior compartment disorders - Pavel Wieczorek10:15Ultrasound of posterior compartment disorders - Giulio Santoro10:30How can ultrasound change the clinical decision-making? - Anders Mellgren10:45Discussion11:00Short break11:15How I do it (video)12:00Case discussions13:00Course ends
10:00 - 13:00	TAMIS: BEYOND LOCAL EXCISION? For further details see page 13.
11:00 - 13:00	EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP Chairs: Klaus Matzel (<i>Germany</i>), John Nicholls (<i>UK</i>) Tailored abdominoperineal resection for rectal cancer - Anna Martling (<i>Sweden</i>) New techniques for perinal fistula - Eloy Espin Basany (<i>Spain</i>) Functional perineal pain - Pasquale Giordano (<i>UK</i>) Follow up in colorectal cancer - Mehmet Ayhan Kuzu (<i>Turkey</i>) Prevention and complications of ileopouch anal anastomosis - Yves Panis (<i>France</i>)
13:00 - 13:10	OFFICIAL OPENING Søren Laurberg (President), Peter Dawson (Secretary), Donato Altomare (Programme Committee Chairman)
13:10 - 15:15	VIDEO SURGERY Chairs: Miklos Kassai (Hungary), Ronan O'Connell (Ireland) Please visit www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade to see further details about topics that will be selected for this session in May 2013
13:10 - 15:15	CLINICAL TRIALS UPDATE: NEW TRIALS IN THE ESCP Chair: Dion Morton (UK) Panel: André D'Hoore (Belgium), Donato Altomare (Italy), Carolynne Vaizey (UK) Developing surgical trials: the British experience - Tom Pinkney (UK) What evidence is required for managing diverticular disease? - Willem Bemelman (The Netherlands) Report from new Guidelines sub-committee & panel discussion
15:15 - 15:45	KEYNOTE LECTURE: COLON CANCER STEM CELLS: CLINICAL & Supported by a grant from THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS BJS Chair: Aldo Infantino (Italy) Speaker: Giorgio Stassi (Italy) BJS
15:45 - 16:45	WORKSHOP FOR AUTHORS - HOW TO WRITE A PAPER Supported by Colorectal Disease For further details go to www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade Image: Colorectal Disease Image: Colorectal Disease Image:
15:45 - 16:45	ETHICON SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

16:45 - 17:15	ORAL POSTERS
17:15 - 17:30	ESCP FELLOWSHIP UPDATE
17:30 - 18:30	SYMPOSIUM: PELVIC SURGERY FOR ADVANCED AND RECURRENT RECTAL CANCER - WHERE IS THE LIMIT? Chairs: Petr Tsarkov (<i>Russia</i>), Béla Teleky (<i>Austria</i>) Selection and staging - Paris Tekkis (<i>UK</i>) Technical aspects (Incl IORT) - Torbjörn Holm (<i>Sweden</i>) Quality and outcome - Frank Frizelle (<i>New Zealand</i>)
18:30 - 19:30	COVIDIEN SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
19:00 - 21:00	WELCOME DRINKS AND BUFFET SUPPER

THURSDAY 26	SEPTEMBER				
07:45 - 09:00	ORAL POSTERS				
09:00 - 10:00	RESEARCH FOCUS: STANDARDISING ENDPOINTS Chairs: Dion Morton (UK) - main chair, Carolynne Vaizey (UK) - report chair				
	Lecture: Standardising endpoints in surgical trials - Jane Blazeby (UK) Report: standardising endpoints in FBD studies - Research Committee Panel discussion - Jane Blazeby (UK), Standardising Endpoints Committee members				
10:00 - 10:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE: HAEMORRHOIDS: CUT, PEXY, LIGATION: Supported by Colorectal Disease WHEN AND HOW Supported by Colorectal Disease Chair: Zoran Krivokapic (Serbia) Speaker: Thomas Schiedeck (Germany) Supported by Colorectal Disease				
10:30 - 11:30	COFFEE/EXHIBITION/POSTERS				
10:45 - 11:30	NEW: INDUSTRY "FOCUS" WORKSHOP: HOW TO LOWER THE RISK OF SURGERY This year's topic: Anastomotic risk Further details will be available at www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade				
11:30 - 12:30	SYMPOSIUM: RECTO-UROGENITAL FISTULAS Chairs: Algimantas Tamelis (<i>Lithuania</i>), Mike Parker (<i>UK</i>)				
	Benign rectovaginal fistulas - Alois Fürst <i>(Germany)</i> Post radiation and malignant rectovaginal fistulas - Yury Shelygin (<i>Russia)</i> Rectourethral fistulas - André D'Hoore (<i>Belgium</i>)				
12:30 - 13:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE: GENETICS OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE Chair: Emmanuel Tiret (France) Speaker: Jean-Pierre Hugot (France)				
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH/EXHIBITION/POSTERS				
13:00 - 14:30	TRAINEE LUNCH WORKSHOP				
13:30 - 14:30	COVIDIEN SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM				
14:30 - 16:00	THE SIX BEST AND VISITING FELLOW FREE PAPERS Chairs: Søren Laurberg (Denmark), Peter Dawson (UK)				
	ASCRS Visiting Fellow free paper Japanese Visiting Fellow free paper The Six Best ESCP free papers				

16:00 - 16:15	COFFEE/EXHIBITION/POSTERS	
16:15 - 17:15	SYMPOSIUM: FAECAL INCONTINENCE: TOWARD A LESS INVASIVE APPROACH Chairs: Carlo Ratto (Italy), Paul Antoine Lehur (France)	
	Sphincteroplasty today - Goran Barisic <i>(Serbia)</i> Injectable prosthesis and bulking agents - Lille Lundby <i>(Denmark)</i> Sacral nerve stimulation and posterior tibilal nerve stimulation - Carolynne Vaizey <i>(UK)</i>	
17:15 - 18:15	FREE PAPERS	
18:15 - 19:00	ESCP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
20.00	ESCP MEAL OUT AT KALEMEGDANSKA RESTAURANT	

FRIDAY 27 SE	PTEMBER
07:45 - 08:45	FREE PAPERS
08:45 - 09:15	KEYNOTE/ASCRS LECTURE: MODERN TREATMENT OF APPENDICITIS Chair: Søren Laurberg (Denmark) Speaker: Michael J Stamos (USA)
09:15 - 09:35	AWARD: BEST OF THE 6 BEST / ESCP FELLOWSHIP UPDATE
09:35 - 10:35	SYMPOSIUM: UPDATE ON CROHN'S DISEASE Chairs: Willem Bemelman (The Netherlands), Yehiel Ziv (Israel)
	Can medical treatment change the natural course of Crohn's disease? - Njegica Jojic (<i>Serbia</i>) Surgery for recurrent Crohn's disease - Neil Mortensen (<i>UK</i>) Surgical management of severe colorectal Crohn's disease - Gianluca Sampietro (<i>Italy</i>)
10:35 - 11:05	COFFEE/EXHIBITION/POSTERS
11:00 - 12:30	CONSULTANTS' CORNER Convenors: Najib Haboubi (UK), Stefan Post (Germany) Panel: Michael J Stamos (USA), Adam Dziki (Poland), Frank Frizelle (New Zealand), Sebastiano Biondo (Spain), Giovanni Romano (Italy), Evgeny Rybakov (Russia)
12:30 - 12:40	EBSQ EXAMINATION AWARDS
12:40 - 14:20	LUNCH/EXHIBITION/POSTERS
13:15 - 14:15	ETHICON SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
14:20 - 15:20	FREE PAPERS
15:20 - 15:50	KEYNOTE LECTURE: NEOADJUVANT TREATMENT IN COLON CANCER Chair: Lars Påhlman (Sweden) Speaker: Dion Morton (UK)
15:50 - 16:00	HONORARY MEMBER AND BEST LUNCHTIME POSTER AWARDS
16:00 - 16:45	ORAL POSTERS
16:45 - 17:45	SYMPOSIUM: DIVERTICULAR DISEASE Chairs: Goran Stanojevic (Serbia), Dieter Hahnloser (Switzerland)
	Natural History - Pascal Gervaz (<i>Switzerland</i>) Emergency Surgery - Tom Oresland (<i>Norway</i>) Long Term Outcomes - Gian Andrea Binda (<i>Italy</i>)
17:45	CLOSING CEREMONY

ESCP Fellowships Update





We are pleased to report further on the Fellowships awarded during 2012, some of which are still in progress.



Giedre Rudinskaite Supported by COVIDIEN

Vilnius University, Institute of Oncology, Vilnius, Lithuania Visiting the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, UK

I recently began my ESCP/ Covidien fellowship at the Royal

Marsden Hospital in London, a worldleading cancer centre under the supervision of Prof Paris Tekkis. I have been able to assist the large and sophisticated multidisciplinary surgical team (together with urologists and plastic surgeons) and to observe surgical technique of the highest excellence. Operations have included total pelvic exenteration; abdomino-perineal resection with coccygectomy and rectus abdominis muscle flap perineal reconstruction; low anterior rectal resection with resection of right ureter, right seminal vesicles, vas deferens and resection of anterior division of internal iliac artery; extended anterior rectal resection for volvulus. I also observed 10 colonoscopies, 2 of them with biopsies of polyps, 1 polypectomy and 2 bandings of haemorrhoids.

I want to thank Prof Tekkis and his team for their kindness and hospitality; I know that the time I am spending here will be highly valuable to my future career and professional development.



Alexander Kravchenko

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National Research Center of Surgery, Moscow, Russia Visiting the Saint-Andre Hospital, Bordeaux, France

My fellowship was an extremely important three months in

my surgical life. The Saint-Andre Hospital and Prof Eric Rullier have tremendous experience in the treatment of low rectal cancer and benign diseases. Every day I was able to see laparoscopic surgery for colorectal cancer and attended daily GI meetings. I also spent a lot of time at the colorectal unit, where I was involved in discussions about malignancies, benign diseases and functional disorders. I am very grateful to ESCP, to Medtronic, and particularly to Prof Eric Rullier and my boss Prof Petr Tsarkov for this wonderful opportunity.



Marie Line Barussaud

CHU Poitiers, France Visiting St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

It was a great honor to be awarded this fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin, where I spent three wonderful months. I learned a great deal

in clinics and theatre, particularly in functional colorectal diseases and proctology. I also had the

chance to attend specialized outpatient clinics for pelvic floor disorders and learn endorectal ultrasound. I would like to sincerely thank Prof O'Connell, Prof Hyland and Prof Winter for their support, advice and kindness, and also Ann Hanly, Myra Fitzpatrick and the team. Doing this fellowship was a great opportunity professionally (I saw and learned so much that will help me in my practice) and, more importantly, humanly, as I had the opportunity to meet really great people.

Exhibition and Sponsorship Opportunities

This meeting is an excellent commercial opportunity for companies wishing to exhibit their products and services relating to the field of Coloproctology. Various sponsorship opportunities are also available allowing sponsors to raise their profile by strong branding and visibility throughout the event.

Satellite Symposia can be arranged in conjunction with the existing programme. Please contact the ESCP Secretariat (tel: +44 131 624 6040 or e-mail carla.fitzpatrick@integrityevents.com.

For details about build up, open hours and other opportunities, visit **www.** escp.eu.com/Belgrade

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European Society of Coloproctology

25th September 2013, Belgrade, Serbia

TAMIS: Beyond Local Excision?

A panel of worldwide leading colorectal surgeons will discuss current indications, outcomes and advancements in Transanal Minimally Invasive Surgery (TAMIS). Featuring advanced colorectal procedures, including transanal/transabdominal TME resections using the TAMIS approach, attendees will gain insight into evolving surgical techniques through an interactive forum led by those at the forefront of this evolution. Following the didactic portion, faculty will assist attendees wishing to explore both single site and transanal procedures in a hands-on workshop utilising advanced GelSeal® technologies.

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EBSQ examinations will be held on Tuesday 24 (written) and Wednesday 26 (individual interviews) September 2013, and will take place at the Sava Centar.

To apply for the examination, please contact:

Natalia Kandinskaja

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Those wishing to obtain further information before application should contact:

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The EBSQ Examination is the certifying examination leading to the Diploma of EBSQ (Coloproctology) of the European Board of Surgery. This is the only form of certification in the specialty in Europe. Please visit www. uemssurg.org for more information.

Congress Language

The official language of the meeting is English. There will be no facilities for simultaneous interpretation this year.

EBSQ Examinations General Information

Registration and Exhibition Open Hours:

Wednesday 25 September	09:00 - 19:00
Exhibition open from Networking supper	16:00 19.00
Thursday 26 September	07:30 - 18:30
Friday 27 September	07:30 - 14:30

CMF Points

CME points are being reviewed, please refer to www.escp.eu.com/Belgrade for further information closer to the time of conference.

Accommodation

Deadline date: Wednesday 28 June 2013

You can book your hotel through the ESCP Secretariat this year, and rooms are available online on a first-come-first-served basis.

Details of ESCP hotels will be available on the ESCP website from April 2013 with a map showing location and clear instructions about how to get to the Sava Centar. Taxis are very affordable in Belgrade, but the bus service is also good and easy to use.

Accommodation Bookings:

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Payment, terms and conditions: full prepayment is required online (as part of your registration). Please refer to the ESCP website for specific terms and conditions relating to the hotel you have selected before you book.

About Belgrade

Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, is the third largest city in south-eastern Europe. Its 1.7 million inhabitants account for more than 25% of Serbia's total population, and it is a city of youth with more than 40% between the ages of 15 and 40 years of age.

Belgrade is often said to be the "Gates of the Balkans" because of its location on the Danube River and together with the Sava River the city enjoys 200km of riverbank. Belgrade is one of the oldest cities in Europe having been continuously settled since the Neolithic period. Throughout history Belgrade has been the crossroads between the West and the Orient and each influx of settlers has left their own influence, from the Romans, the Huns, the Ottomans to the Austro-Hungarians. Architectural influences range from Byzantine, neo classical and romantic buildings in older neighbourhoods to Art Nouveau and modernist.

Kalemandan, the oldest part of the city, lies south of the Danube and east of the Sava. The ancient fortress on the Kalemandan ridge still dominates the riverbank, providing some of the best views in the city, and is surrounded by the largest park in Belgrade. To the south of the old town is the St. Sava Temple, the largest orthodox cathedral in the world. Belgrade is full of museums from fine art, modern art and natural history to the Nikola Tesla Museum which comprises the personal collection of the greatest Serbian scientist and a man who helped invent electricity. You can even try your hand at some of his experiments!

For more details on Belgrade, go to www.tob.rs

Weather

Belgrade has a moderate continental climate with warm summers, not particularly harsh winters and autumns which are usually longer and warmer than springtime. In September average temperatures range between 13 - 24°C with an average 8 hours of sunshine each day.

Money

The official currency used in Serbia is the Dinar (RSD). As at the time of printing 1 EUR = 110 RSD.

Belgrade Travel Information

Belgrade has good air and rail links with the rest of Europe with direct flights from many European cities. To view best airlines/routes you can search here: **www.beg.aero** – select **Passengers** then **Flights** and finally **Seasonal Timetable**.

Getting around on public transport

The city has a fantastic public transport network covering 1,887 km across 129 daytime buses, 27 night buses, 11 trams and 8 trolleybus routes.

Tickets and fares:

Ticket pricing is zoned into two areas and the main city centre areas all fall within Zone 1. All other suburban areas including the airport are in Zone 2.

Full details about ticket pricing and guidelines are available at this link: **www.gsp.co.rs/english**

Ticket may be purchased from the driver or conductor on the vehicle, from a kiosk (marked with a ticket sales sticker) or from a GSP pointof-sale. A new ticket must be purchased each time you use a different vehicle.

Important:

Tickets purchased in advance are cheaper than buying on the tram/trolleybus/bus – details available at the above link. Tickets for night buses **must** be purchased from the driver on the vehicle.

Operating hours:

Trams, trolleybuses and buses run from 05.00 to 23.30 (approximate times).

Night buses run every night along the city's most important routes. Please note that night buses operate on modified day bus routes.

Further information can be found at www.tob.rs

Evening Events

Networking supper

Wednesday 25 September at 19:00 - 21:30

All delegates are invited to attend this event which is included in the registration fee. The event was a big success last year following the change of timetable in Vienna, and we hope you will join us! It will take place in the exhibition area following the close of conference sessions.

Please confirm your attendance by selecting this as part of your online registration booking. **If you do not select the event, we will assume that you don't plan to attend.**

"Meal out" at Kalemegdanska Terasa Restaurant

Thursday 26 September at 20:00

Cost: Ticket price €45 (early) €50 (late) €60 (onsite)

Come for a distinctly informal meal out with your colleagues at one of Belgrade's most charming restaurants. Kalemegdanska Terasa is in the grounds of the Kalemandan, a 13th century fortress on the banks of the Danube River.

The restaurant is entered through the Kalemandan fortress, in the heart of Old Belgrade. Its large vaulted ceiling adds to the wonderful ambience of this charming restaurant. Weather permitting there is also outside seating on the terrace overlooking the Danube.

Kalemegdanska Terasa is easy to get to by tram from the Sava Centar and those staying in city centre hotels can easily reach it on foot.





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Travel between airport and city

Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" airport (BEG) is located approximately 18 kilometres (11 miles) west of the city centre in an area called Surčin.

If you are booking a hotel via ESCP, you will find details on our website about how to get there using public transport from either the airport or the Sava Centar, go to **www.escp. eu.com/belgrade** and select **Accommodation** for further details. The following link provides up-to-date information about airport transfer services: www.beg.aero/passengers/to_and_from_the_ airport/bus_transport.326.html

The following modes of transport are available:

Method of transfer	Details/connections	Journey time	Cost	
Taxis	Journey time will vary depending on the time of day. Caution is recommended and we suggest using taxis that have the official sign displayed. Ensure that you agree the fare with the driver before you start the journey and that you have local currency since taxis will not accept Euros. An official taxi will display 2 signs: • a company unique sign • a smaller blue sign with the Belgrade coat of arms and 4 white numbers, as shown below	20-40 minutes (approx.)	RSD 1,000 to 1,800	
Buses	Minibus A1 Line (Slavija Square - Zel Stanica - Fontana Pariske Komune - Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" Airport) Operates from airport 05:00 to 03:50 Operates from Slavija Square 04:20 to 03:20 Frequency: every 20 minutes between 07:20 and 19:20	30 minutes	RSD 300 (tickets can be purchased in the bus)	
	PTC Belgrade Line 72 (Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport - Zeleni venac) Operates from airport 04:10 and 00:00 Operates from Zeleni Venac 03:55 and 23:40 Frequency: every 24 minutes in peak hours	30 - 40 minutes	RSD 170 (if bought in the bus)	

ESCP Research Bulletin



Dear ESCP Members

Your research committee is expanding its portfolio of activity and are keen to involve as many of the membership as possible in this exercise. I thought it would be helpful for us to outline some of the developments.

We have advertised posts for a new sub-committee to investigate endpoints in clinical trials. Six members of the committee have been appointed from over 40 applicants. The committee will be chaired by Carolynne Vaizey and will report on standardising endpoints for functional bowel disease studies at the next annual meeting.

A further sub-committee is being established and posts are being advertised for a new guidelines committee. The plan is for this committee to amalgamate European guidelines on a variety of topics. The first selected topic is that of diverticular disease management. The aim is to identify areas of uncertainty and conflict between different sets of guidelines. It is envisaged that this will identify new areas for clinical research in which the ESCP can develop a leadership role. I would encourage all interested members to apply.

Developing European wide studies is a priority for our committee. In order to publicise important international trials, we are establishing a new on-line facility to access full protocols for studies through the *Colorectal Disease* Journal. These protocols will be accessible through the ESCP website in which we are currently compiling a database of trials for future international collaboration. We hope that this facility will go live in the next six months. In order to facilitate this, a key post is being established on the editorial board of *Colorectal Disease*. This will link the ESCP research committee with the editorial board to ensure the successful delivery of this and other joint initiatives. This post will also be advertised shortly on the ESCP website and in the Journal. Again I would encourage members to apply.

In order to facilitate international trials, a small fund has been made available to support the translation of protocols and, where appropriate, to facilitate national ethics committee approval for international European studies. A budget of €500 per trial is available and can be applied for through the website. If you require further information on this, it is available on the website and the research committee can be contacted through Peter Christensen (**petchris@rm.dk**) who is co-ordinating this initiative.

We are keen to place clinical research at the centre of ESCP strategy. If members have other suggestions for further initiatives, we are happy to be contacted. The members of the committee are listed below and can be contacted through the administrative team (**info@escp.eu.com**). We look forward to working with the membership actively over the forthcoming year to develop the research portfolio.

Dion Morton on behalf of the Research Committee

Research Committee

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