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16 FEBRUARY 2025

Invitation to the 1st Southeast Europe Trauma Forum
Thessaloniki, Concert Hall Convention Center
03—05.04.2025

The Hellenic Society for Trauma & Emergency Surgery (HSTES) is pleased to announce the organization of the National Trauma Congress TRAUMA2025, which will be held on April 03—05, 2025, in Thessaloniki, at the exceptional venue of the Thessaloniki Concert Hall, with the participation of the Harvard Trauma Group. The 1st Southeast Europe Trauma Forum will also take place as part of the Congress.

Following our successful preparatory meeting in Rhodes during the WSES Congress (June 2024), the call for the 1st Southeast Europe Trauma Forum is an initial decisive step towards the implementation of our shared promise to create a strong regional alliance for the improvement of Trauma & Emergency Surgery Services in our countries.

Our countries largely face similar problems and, in general terms, still have a long way to go to organize and operate reliable Trauma & Emergency Surgery Systems that will meet the modern needs of our patients.

The goal of the Forum is not to create yet another body that will simply recycle discussions that have exhausted their limits. It is, above all, the initiation of a sincere discussion far from embellishments and self—aggrandizements, which will record our positive and negative achievements to date and will bring to light the chronic pathologies of our countries.

At the same time, the Forum should process forms of permanent communication and interaction of partners, through Working Groups, Educational Exchanges, Memoranda of Cooperation between Universities and Hospitals, Local Action Networks with the participation of the Political Leadership and the Community.

The Forum should not take the form of parallel monologues, but of an interactive discussion with targeted questions that will be the subject of discussion among us in the following pre—conference months.

None of us has the illusion that this particular Forum, or those that follow, will magically solve problems of decades, but it is certain that the development of a permanent channel of fruitful dialogue and cooperation among our countries can only produce a good outcome in the long run.

The effort will not be easy. It requires commitment and dedication from all of us, but it is well worth the effort.

Enthusiastically anticipating to meet you

The Chairmen of the Organizing Committee

Konstantinos Fortounis
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