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President: Prof. Dr. med. Tim Pohlemann
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ICM, Munich, Germany

In combination with

19th Annual Congress of the German Society for General and Visceral Surgery
President: Prof. Dr. med. Christoph-Thomas Germer, Würzburg
Congress President: Prof. Dr. med. Dietmar Lorenz, Offenbach

55th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Pediatric Surgery
President: Prof. Dr. med. Bernd Tillig, Berlin
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5th Spring Meeting of the German Society for Vascular Surgery and Vascular Medicine
President: Prof. Dr. med. Thomas Schmitz-Rixen, Frankfurt

3rd Spring Meeting of the German Society for Thoracic Surgery
President: Dr. med. Gunda Leschber, Berlin

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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to Munich to attend the 134th Congress of the German Society of Surgery. The congress will again be held in close collaboration with the 10 German Surgical Speciality Societies within the DGCH, with the German Professional Surgical Association, the Professional Society of Nursing, the German Federal Army and various other interprofessional partners. The date for 2017 was shifted forward to avoid overlaps and enable more attendance. The congress will therefore take place in Munich from March 21st to March 24th 2017.

We are once again delighted to welcome an increasing number of international guests partially organized in our neighboring societies from Austria, Switzerland, England and the U.S.A. We are looking forward to an intensive exchange with our guest nation Netherlands.

Responsibility, Trust and Safety – Surgery 2017

Our chosen motto is intended to refocus onto the in principle self-evident, specific and very private personal relation between the patient and her or his surgeon. Every day in thousands of cases the patient can experience the surgeon’s responsibility in setting indications, consulting patients, executing operations and directing the perioperative clinical course up to the rehabilitation. The fast changing medical environment, economical necessities, further specialization, increasing patient mobility and internationalization, partition of workflows and last but not least major changes in regulatory and political conditions, require continuous modifications and adaptations of established standards and workflows. Under these uncertain circumstances it is our duty as surgeons to take voice and actively participate in the reorganization of our working environment to prevent situations, where conditions, which might hinder surgeons responsibility, threaten the patients trust and finally will compromise patient safety. This task is fundamental to surgery and this alone would be a good reason to speed up the present process of “Surgical Unity” within Germany. This process of open and honest discussion has to lead to clear definitions and communication of our common core values. In our present working environment a close collaboration and exchange with our interprofessional partners is mandatory and I appreciate the increasing collaboration and discussion with representatives of German nursing associations, our medical “neighbor” disciplines, health administration professionals and politicians. A special focus will be set on the frequently forgotten questions: what is the patient’s real need and personal wish? Under the topic trust and safety we will experience a special exchange with our industrial partners. Beside the technological progress, which would be impossible without close partnership to industrial partners, we will explore the increasing need for evaluation of evidence and efficacy, as well as possible changes in industry hospital relation, e.g. through modified logistic partnership contracts comparable to other industry branches.

One of my special goals is to attract an increasing number of young surgical colleagues and medical students. Clearly defined sessions with topics like “tips and tricks” and “state of the art sessions” will provide rapid access to specialist expertise. The “courses”, manual training labs and video sessions will enhance the practical part. The established student forum will again take place under the responsibility
of our “Perspective Forum Young Surgery” of our Society. Beside this more technical representation of our fascinating field, we will continue with a critical dialogue about the chances and limitations of work-family balance in surgery, additional career opportunities and the development of new, associated health care professions.

To improve the scientific and personal “intergeneration” exchange, we will reorganize the poster session back to a public, solitary event in the middle of the congress. On Wednesday afternoon a combined Bavarian “Beer & Pretzel” event will be held together with the poster presentation and review. Come along to take part in this unique networking opportunity!

To foster our common goals, we will continue with a combined “Congress Party” on Thursday night. Together with DGAV, DGKH, DGG and DGT, the “Munich Hofbräuhaus” will be the right location to experience surgical team spirit and friendship.

I want to thank all cooperation scientific societies and professional associations and partners for their continuous support, especially the representatives of DGAV, DKCH, DGG and DGT, who helped substantially in improving and enhancing the scope and quality of our DGCH Congress by integrating their annual meetings into the DGCH congress.

Please follow our invitation and participate actively by submitting the results of your exciting research or clinical observations as abstracts for oral or poster presentation. Come along to meet a lot of longstanding friends and even better to experience new friendship and explore exciting developments in our field!

Together with the Co-presidents of the associated societies and organizations I am looking forward to welcome you all in Munich!

I hope seeing you all soon.

Best regards,

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These promotional fares are also available through your IATA / ARC travel agent. Travel agents can obtain ticketing instructions by sending an email to lufthansa.mobility@dlh.de and providing the access code as a reference.
1. Responsibilities in surgical patient treatment
- Patient/Surgeon/Hospitals/Insurance/Politicians/Industry/Media
- Divisibility of responsibility
- „Responsibility culture“ and „personality – can we educate „soft skills“?"

2. Trust as basis for surgical treatments
- Patient/Surgeon/Nursing specialist/Team
- Evidence vs. and experience
- Individualization vs. Standardization
- Informed consent: always beneficial („nocebo-effects“?)
- Doctor – Patient communication – who knows what patient’s really want?
- Patients provision – can everything be regulated in advance?

3. Safety in surgical treatments
- Safety by or instead of the present general health care conditions?
- Safety by specialization or „generalization“?
- Minimizing risks by simulation?
- Quality standards/process definition/certification – marketing tool or measurable benefit?
- How to define and measure quality and safety?
- How to come to realistic assessments of innovations in implants and health care products?

4. Interdisciplinary topics
- Tips and tricks in frequent and rare surgical conditions
- Present standards in surgical treatments
- Perioperative responsibilities in surgery: are „Medical Emergency Teams“ a possible solution?
- Interpersonal competencies in surgery – do we have to learn from aviation?
- Family and Surgery – economical consequences for affected individuals and hospitals
- Geriatric surgery (indications, limitations, coagulation management and more)

5. Surgical research experimental/clinical/translational
- Clinical research, surgical and interdisciplinary
- Transplantation, regeneration and „Tissue Engineering“
- Oncology
- Geriatric medicine
- Stem cell research
- Immune- and molecular medicine
- Technology integration
19th Annual Congress  
German Society for General and Visceral Surgery

**DGAV: Main topics**
- Responsibility in surgical treatment
- Trust as basis for surgical treatments
- Safety in surgical treatments
- Interdisciplinary topics

55th Annual Meeting  
German Society of Pediatric Surgery

**DGKCH: Main topics**
- Diaphragm hernias
- Forum young pediatric surgery: surgical education – changes – problems – new models
- Pediatric urology: hydronephroses
- New trends in burn medicine: cooperation/transition (together with DGPRÄG)
- Responsibilities and challenges in the surgical treatment of migrants
- Treatment of the pediatric hydrocephalus (together with DGNC)
- MIC (workshop)
- Basis techniques in hand surgery (workshop)
- Traumatology: non operative fracture care (plaster course/workshop)
**5th Spring Meeting**
German Society for Vascular Surgery and Vascular Medicine

**DGG: Main topics**
- Safety in and by the hybrid OR
- Responsible screening of abdominal aortic aneurysm’s
- Safety by the use of NOAK’s
- Safety by vascular public health research
- Trust in using endovascular varicosity surgery
- Trustful management of chronic wounds
- Safe management of load associated lower extremity pain
- Safety in interdisciplinary trauma management
- Interdisciplinary management of mesenteric ischemia
- Vascular biology
- Trust and responsibility in clinical research of university hospitals
- Vascular surgery in our European neighbor nations

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**3rd Spring Meeting**
German Society for Thoracic Surgery

**DGT: Main topics**
- Thoracic surgery in inflammatory diseases
- Preoperative risk assessment before chest operation
- Surgery within the mediastinum (tumors, cysts, struma)
- Lymphatic dissection in metastatic surgery (together with DGAV)
- Chest Trauma (together with DGU)
- Pneumothorax
- Free presentations
Main Topics of the Surgical Speciality Societies 2017

DGMKG: Main topics

- Together with DGPRÄC:
  1. Face augmentations
  2. Iatrogenic nerve injuries in face operations
- Together with DGU:
  1. Patient specific implants in traumatology and reconstruction
  2. Polytrauma management after head injuries

DGNC: Main topics

- Spine surgery: indications, quality and complication management
- Quality indicators in neurosurgery: what is reasonable, what is realistic?
- Traumatic brain injuries: new aspects of postacute and late treatment strategies

DGOOC: Main topics

- Revision THR
- Revision TKR
- The difficult primary THR
- Spinal stenosis – non operative or surgical treatment?
- Ligament injuries „around the knee”
- Ligament injuries „around the shoulder”

DGPRÄC: Main topics

- Interdisciplinary surgical tumor treatment
- Management of complex hand injuries and results after replantation
- Autologous breast reconstruction after breast tumors
- Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine
- Safety and indications of autologous fat-transplantation in plastic-esthetic surgery
- Brachial plexus and peripheral nerve surgery
- New techniques and challenges in burn surgery
- Postbariatric reconstructive plastic surgery
Main Topics of the Surgical Speciality Societies 2017

DGTHG: Main topics
• Decision making and techniques in endovascular methods in the interdisciplinary heart team

DGU: Main topics
• Main topic: lower extremity injuries
• Tips and tricks:
  Spine injuries
  Pelvic injuries
  Lower extremity injuries
• Standards in interdisciplinary trauma management and surgery
  Head injury/maxillofacial injury
  Thorax and Abdominal Trauma
  Fractures with soft tissue damage
  Fractures with vascular and neurological injuries
• Responsibility and safety in geriatric surgery
• Postoperative responsibility and safety: ICU, IMC. Clinical Emergency Teams – do we have realistic staff estimation for the different trauma wards?

Additional program organization by:

Professional Surgical Association (BDC)
• Outpatient surgery: where to go?
• Future of surgery – “maker” or service provider?
• “Profit center surgery” – do we have realistic business plans?
• Antibiotics in surgery: an update
• The misery of emergency units
• Anticorruption law – what do we really have to expect?
• Young academics – trapped between recruiting and talent promotion
DBfK Advanced education day for nursing professionals

- More technique – more safety: new methods, modern technology – chances and risks
- Personal health protection: skin, smoke gases, bio monitoring
- Ready for emergency? Heart arrest and other complications
- If something goes wrong: patient safety and error culture
- All about laws: new trends in law decisions: employment laws, criminal and liability law, working chambers
- New professions in OR and central sterilization department (ZSVA): education, academic studies, advanced training
- New concepts in management: communication, core values, strategies in change
- Safe hygiene management in OR and ZSVA: MRSA, MRGN, TBC and other pathogens

German Federal Armed Forces

Surgery within the German Federal Armed Forces – are we prepared for the challenges?
1. Military surgeon – deficits in education – possible solutions
2. Advanced education towards „military mission surgeon?“ pro’s and con’s of a different career
3. Trauma Management after terroristic attacks – do we have sufficient preparation within Germany?
4. German Federal Army, the (most) attractive employer – is work family balance also possible for military surgeons?

Medical technology and research in combat surgery
1. Endoscopy, arthroscopy and laparoscopy – value in oversea missions
2. Robotic – distant surgery
3. State of the art of sonography in the military and mission environment
4. Blast injuries – basics and practical use

German paramedics professional association e.V.
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation – ERC Guidelines 2015 (e.g. capnographia during mechanical resuscitation)
- Rescue in extreme conditions (e.g. treatment of patients in tactical mission conditions)
- New trends in emergency medicine (e.g. Evaluation and treatment of geriatric patients)

German Nursing Council (Deutscher Pflegerat)
Important dates in the program:

Tuesday, March 21st 2017: Opening Ceremony with Get-together-Party
Opening Ceremony of the DGAV

Wednesday, March 22nd 2017: General Assembly DGAV
General Assembly DGKCH
General Assembly BDC
NEW! Common poster session with “Beer & Pretzel”

Thursday, March 23rd 2017: General Assembly DGCH
Congress Party of DGCH, DGAV, DGKCH, DGG and DGT
in the Munich Hofbräuhaus

Friday, March 24th, 2017: Closing Ceremony

General information and changes to the program are published online:
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Guidelines and deadlines for abstract submission

Abstracts
Application documents and further information available solely from the website: www.chirurgie2017.de
Please do not submit abstracts by email or fax.

Free lectures
Applications are requested from all surgical disciplines, particularly those relating to the topics of the congress.

Video presentations
Review process similar to free lectures. In addition to the submitted written abstract, it is necessary to provide a copy of the video in advance (MPEG-1, MPEG-2 or DVD video format). Maximum length: 10 minutes. For detailed information refer to: www.chirurgie2017.de

Poster exhibition
Applications are requested from all surgical disciplines, particularly those relating to the topics of the congress. The poster presentation takes place in poster forums. Specifications for the poster presentation are available from: www.chirurgie2017.de.

Deadline for all applications: 30th of September 2016
Any applications received after this deadline cannot be considered for inclusion.

Surgical research – author guidelines
Accepted abstracts will be published online at European Surgical Research (Impact Factor 2.47).

Presentation method
All presentations are given by means of a digital projector and are managed by a central system both before and during the congress. It is not possible for speakers to use their own notebooks for presentations.
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