



## ***Why and how to be a member of ESTES***

ESTES, the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery, is the result of the recent merge between the two major European Trauma Societies, ETS (European Trauma Society) and EATES (European Association for Trauma & Emergency Surgery). This merge has resulted in a very strong society with now more than 5 000 members, covering the whole of Europe and all fields of trauma and emergency surgery. The society is organising annual congresses, the next one in Budapest May 24 – 27 ([www.eurotrauma2008.org](http://www.eurotrauma2008.org)), but the aim is also to actively support the development of these fields in Europe and contribute to increased knowledge by organising courses and workshops. Thus, everyone active within these fields should promote this by joining as a member, which also gives several advantages.

### ***Who can be a member?***

The society is open for all doctors within specialities involved in trauma and emergency surgery: All surgical specialities, anaesthesiology, radiology and emergency, military and disaster medicine. Also doctors under training are accepted as members. The society is also open for non-physicians working within this field: Nurses, paramedics, ambulance- and prehospital staff.

### ***What does it cost to be a member, and what do you get for it?***

The annual membership fee is 100 € for specialists and 75 € for doctors under training and for non-physicians.

This gives you:

- A diploma confirming your individual membership
- Free annual subscription to the official forum of the Society, the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery, ordinary subscription rate 249 €. The journal has 6 issues per year including regular information from the society.
- Significantly reduced registration fee to the annual congresses of the society: For specialists a reduction with 80 € at early registration, for trainers and non-physicians (who have lower registration fee) a reduction with 70 €.
- Possibility to be a member of one of the specialist sections of the society (Visceral trauma, Skeletal trauma, Emergency surgery, Surgical education, Disaster- and military medicine) for an additional annual fee of only 10 €

For example, if you are a specialist and an individual member and attend the annual congress, you get an economical benefit of 329 € for your fee of 100 € which means a gain of 229 €. As you can see, it is a very good deal to be an individual member presumed that you are interested in these fields.

And in addition to all this, you become an active supporter of the promotion and development of Trauma and Emergency surgery in Europe, and you can influence this development with your vote.

### ***How do I become a member?***

It is very simple: On our website [www.estesonline.org](http://www.estesonline.org) you find the application form which you have to fill in and send to us according to the instructions. Your application has to be approved by the membership committee after which you receive an invoice for payment (which can be done with credit card) and after payment you receive your diploma and the journal and are entitled to all the other advantages of membership.

***Send in your application already today so we can welcome you as a member of ESTES!***

