

21st Congress of the
European Society
for Surgery of the
Shoulder and the Elbow
(SECEC - ESSSE)

www.SECEC2008.org



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31 March 2008

17-20 September 2008

Brugge, Belgium

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT
AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

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Welcome Address by the Congress President

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure for us to invite all shoulder and elbow surgeons to the 21st SECEC-ESSSE Congress in Brugge, Belgium, from 17 until 20 September 2008.

As in previous SECEC congresses the format will include 9 instructional courses and two symposia. The Executive Committee of the SECEC has selected two subjects. The first symposium will focus on "Articular cartilage lesions in young patients", and the chairman of this symposium will be Dr. Alessandro Castagna. The second symposium will be chaired by Prof. Christian Gerber and will give special attention to "Subacromial impingement revisited".

For the first time a "Specialty day for physiotherapy of the shoulder and the elbow" will be organised on Saturday, 20 September 2008.

Another major change will be the organisation of two sessions on Saturday afternoon on "Tips and tricks in arthroscopic surgery" and "New techniques and developments in shoulder surgery". These two items promise to be very exciting since early and preliminary results are accepted and the abstracts for this session have to be submitted separately.

As you can see the scientific programme will be attractive to all surgeons interested in shoulder and elbow surgery and an equally interesting social programme will be organised in Brugge with its impressive cultural heritage.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to Brugge in September 2008.

Geert Declercq
Congress President

Welcome Address by the SECEC President

Dear members, colleagues and friends of SECEC,

When the General Assembly of SECEC decided to select Brugge as host for its 21st Congress, this happened because of the charm of the "Venice of the North", its medieval character and the sympathy for Geert Declercq and his Belgian colleagues.

Since our last congress in Athens we have started restructuring the society, which became necessary to meet the clinical and scientific needs in shoulder and elbow surgery. In Brugge, SECEC will offer a newly developed concept regarding contents and organisation, presenting the participants the full spectrum of our special field of interest.

We expect the collaboration with the physiotherapists to be highly beneficial to both the surgeons and the therapists. Also the strong group of arthroscopic surgeons will find their field more and more respected and appreciated by a special session on arthroscopic topics. Inventions, new materials and techniques will be presented as well as two highly specialised symposia in order to come up with a state-of-the-art agreement on articular cartilage damages and on impingement.

The Executive and the newly installed Programme Committees will support the organising committee to the maximum in performing a scientifically fastidious congress.

I would like to invite you to Belgium to experience a successful scientific exchange and share moments of amicable contacts and I thank Geert Declercq and his team for the tremendous effort they will put in organising our 21st Congress.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Brugge and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Habermeyer
President of SECEC

Programme at a glance

Wednesday, 17 September 2008

12.00	Registration
18.00	Opening Ceremony
20.00	Welcome Reception



Thursday, 18 September 2008

07.30 - 09.00	Instructional Courses I, II & III
09.00 - 12.30	Scientific Sessions
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch Workshops
14.00 - 17.30	Scientific Sessions

Friday, 19 September 2008

07.30 - 09.00	Instructional Courses IV, V & VI
09.00 - 12.30	Scientific Sessions
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch Workshops
14.00 - 17.30	Scientific Sessions
17.30 - 19.00	General Assembly
20.00	Belgian Evening


Saturday, 20 September 2008

07.30 - 09.00	Instructional Courses VII, VIII & IX
09.00 - 12.30	Scientific Sessions
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch Workshops
 14.00 - 17.30	Scientific Sessions Tips & tricks in arthroscopic surgery New techniques and developments in shoulder surgery
17.30	Award Session and Closing Ceremony
 09.00 - 17.00	Specialty Day: Physiotherapy of the elbow and shoulder

Topics

Symposium: "Articular cartilage lesions in young patients"
Chairman: A. Castagna

Symposium: "Subacromial impingement revisited"
Chairman: Ch. Gerber

 Contrary to previous years, two scientific sessions will take place on Saturday, 20 September 2008 afternoon on "Tips and tricks in arthroscopic surgery" and "New techniques and developments in shoulder surgery".

 A Specialty Day on "Physiotherapy of the shoulder and the elbow" will be organised on Saturday, 20 September 2008.

Topics selected for instructional courses

- Calcifying tendinitis of the rotator cuff
- Treatment of failures after shoulder instability repair
- Fractures of the distal humerus
- Surgical exposure of the shoulder: Tips and tricks
- Os acromiale and rotator cuff
- Management of complications of total elbow arthroplasty
- Risks and complications of arthroscopic surgery of the shoulder
- Ganglion cysts around the shoulder and entrapment of the suprascapular nerve
- Radial head: From biomechanics to prosthetic replacement

Call for papers

Abstracts must be submitted online at www.secec.org where you will find the submission guidelines and information on the review process.
The deadline for abstract submission is 31 March 2008.

For the first time two types of abstracts will be accepted.
Abstracts, containing not more than 350 words, will be selected for the regular Congress and abstracts of maximum 200 words can be submitted separately for the scientific sessions on Saturday, 20 September, on "Tips and tricks in arthroscopic surgery" and "New techniques and developments in shoulder surgery".
Each author is allowed to present one paper and for each accepted abstract one of the authors must register. Multiple abstracts can be submitted if different presenters are mentioned.

The City of Brugge - www.brugge.be

You will find Brugge to be an exquisitely small but very lively city.

The historic city centre is a paradise for pedestrians: cars are banned as much as possible, so you can stroll around in all tranquillity. Bicycles are popular, not only for city exploration, but also for making bigger trips in the countryside. You can take a city tour in horse-ridden coaches, or go on a boat-ride on Brugge's famous canals - it is not by coincidence that Brugge is called 'the Venice of the North'.

Brugge has always been at the heart of Flanders' political and cultural history, and the remains of this impressive heritage are preserved in an extraordinary manner. You can spend days in museums (Groeninge Museum, Gruuthuse museum, Memling museum, Brangwyn and Lace museum), historic buildings (Belfry, Town Hall), or quiet green areas (Beguinage, Lake of Love). All of these enchanting places are located within walking distance from the Congress Centre!

And... for the gourmets... do not forget that Brugge is also known as a culinary highlight hosting the largest number of high quality restaurants per km².

How to get there

Brugge is easily accessible by train, plane or road.

By train: 2 direct trains per hour from Brussels (50 minutes).

From London and Paris, Brugge can easily be reached by Thalys & Eurostar.

www.b-rail.be

By car: Brugge is located near the E40 highway and has excellent road access to all over Europe (3 hours from Paris, 2 hours from Amsterdam, 1 hour only from the Channel).

By plane: Brussels airport is a major European airport and has plenty of connections. It has direct highway and train access.

What to do upon arrival at Brussels airport (Zaventem)?

The airport is connected to the 3 railway stations in Brussels (South or Midi, Central and North Stations) by 3 direct trains per hour. From these railway stations there are 2 direct trains to Brugge every hour.

For further details and timetables:

Belgian railways: www.b-rail.be

Brussels airport: www.brusselsairport.be

Congress Centre

The venue for the Congress will be the Concertgebouw which is located on the „t Zand" Square in Brugge, Belgium - www.concertgebouw.be

The Concertgebouw has its proper underground car park facilities (Parking Het Zand for 1,500 cars) and is located at only a 5 minutes' walk from the railway station where another car park for about 1,500 cars is available.

Registration

Registration Fees	EARLY Until June 15	LATE Until August 31	ON SITE
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Congress

SECEC/ESSE Member	€ 370,00	€ 430,00	€ 430,00
Non Member	€ 470,00	€ 530,00	€ 530,00
Participant from Eastern Europe	€ 210,00	€ 240,00	€ 240,00
Resident and Allied Health	€ 240,00	€ 240,00	€ 240,00

Social Activities

Welcome Reception for participants	included	included	included
Welcome Reception for partners	€ 25,00	€ 25,00	€ 30,00
Belgian Evening for partners	€ 80,00	€ 90,00	€ 100,00

Tours

T1: Brugge on 17/09	€ 40,00	€ 45,00	€ 50,00
T2: Belgian Coast on 18/09	€ 80,00	€ 90,00	€ 100,00
T3: Flanders Fields on 19/09	€ 80,00	€ 90,00	€ 100,00
T4: Gent on 20/09	€ 80,00	€ 90,00	€ 100,00

*Proof of trainee status is to be sent to Medicongress by email or fax.

Without this proof the Non Member fee will be charged.

Important

Pre-registration closes on 31 August. Registration at the venue, however, remains possible. In order to avoid queuing up at the registration desk of the Congress, it is advisable to register before 31 August.

The registration fee for participants includes

- Participation in all scientific sessions
- Participation in the workshops/satellite symposia organised by the Industry
- Congress bag with the Programme, the Abstracts, tourist info and congress related documents
- The personalised badge
- Access to the exhibition
- Coffee breaks & lunches
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception on Wednesday, 17 September

The Belgian Evening is not included in the registration fee. Separate registration is required.

How to Register

Register online at www.secec2008.org.

The registration and payment form is secured so that credit card information can be submitted safely.

Confirmation

Immediately after submitting your online registration form, an automatic confirmation is sent by email. If you do not receive this automatic confirmation, your registration has not been made successfully. Medicongress will send a formal confirmation by email after receipt of payment.

Payment

All payments are to be made in Euro, net of all bank charges and commissions for the receiver.

Payment is to be made by:

- Bank transfer

Account number 123-6800122-70

Account Name: SECEC Congress

SWIFT: BKCPBEBB - IBAN BE60 1236 8001 2270

Bank address: OBK Bank, Graaf Van Vlaanderenplein 19, 9000 Gent

- Credit Card: All major credit cards are accepted.

Cancellations

Participants cancelling their registration before 31 August 2008 will receive a 50% refund. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date (nor for participants or accompanying persons not showing up at the Congress).

Cancellations must be confirmed in writing to the Organising Secretariat.

All refunds will be processed after the Congress.

Name substitutions are accepted at any time at an extra charge of € 75,00.

Tours

Tour 1 (T1): Brugge – Wednesday, 17 September
Half day walking tour (13.30 – 17.00 hrs)

Also called the “Venice of the North”, Brugge has more than 50 bridges. A boat trip on the enchanting canals is part of the excursion as are visits to 13th century Halls and Belfry, the Chapel of the Holy Blood, the 12th century hospital of St.-John, the Beguinage and the Lake of Love.

The guided visit will start from the “Zand” square just in front of the Concertgebouw Congress Centre. Languages will be provided according to the participants’ native language.

Rate per person: Early: € 40,00 – Late: € 45,00 – At the venue: € 50,00

Tour 2 (T2): Highlights of the Belgian Coastline, Thursday, 18 September
Full day (09.00 – 17.00 hrs)

Oostende and the Belgian Coast are reached after a 30 minutes’ bus ride. We will visit the three-master Mercator, the Seamen’s Memorial, the Lighthouse, etc. Visit of the “Fort Napoléon”, a Fort built by Napoleon in defence against a possible invasion from England. A British invasion never came, but during the two world wars, the fort was used by the German military. Afternoon visit of the Oyster Beds, situated close to the beach and the dunes. You will be invited to taste a few oysters, amongst others the famous “Ostendaise”.

Bus transport, entrance tickets and lunch are included.

Rate per person: Early: € 80,00 – Late: € 90,00 – At the Venue: € 100,00

Tour 3 (T3): Ypres and Flanders Fields, Friday, 19 September
Full day (09.00 – 17.30 hrs)

Visit of the museum “In Flanders Fields”, the most spectacular World War I museum ever. The lively evocation of the terrors of war will leave no visitor untouched. Visit of the infamous battlefields of the Great War and the Menin Gate in the afternoon.

Bus transport, entrance tickets and lunch are included.

Rate per person: Early: € 80,00 – Late: € 90,00 – At the Venue: € 100,00

Tour 4 (T4): **Gent – Saturday, 20 September**
 Full day (09.00 – 18.00 hrs)

After a 30 minutes bus ride, we arrive in Gent where we will visit the St Bavo Cathedral with a crypt dating from 941. This cathedral also houses the celebrated Gent Altarpiece (1432) painted by the Flemish Van Eyck brothers. Important Middle Age buildings such as the Belfry and the Castle of the Counts will be visited.

Bus transport, entrance tickets and lunch are included.

Rate per person: Early: € 80,00 – Late: € 90,00 – At the venue: € 100,00

Cancellation

The tours will only take place if there are at least 20 participants. If one of the tours is cancelled by the organisers, registered accompanying persons will be notified in time and will receive a 100 % refund.

Participants cancelling before 31 August, 2008 will receive a 50 % refund.

A written confirmation of cancellation is mandatory in order to receive this refund. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after 31 August.

All refunds are processed after the Congress.

Brugge on bicycle

Brugge is a bicycle-minded city: there are more than 50 one-way traffic streets in the heart of the city where the cyclists can cycle in both directions. Do you fancy a tour in the countryside, or through the backstreets of Brugge, or why not “Brugge by Night on a bike”? For further details on tours and addresses, go to: www.brugge.be/internet/en/toerisme/sightseeing



Social Activities

Welcome Reception & Concert - 20.00 hrs, Wednesday, 17 September 2008

The Official Opening will be followed by a Jazz evening where famous local artists perform for your pleasure and entertainment. Drinks and snacks will also be served after the show. This evening is included in the registration fee for participants (pre-registration is mandatory). Partners can register at a rate of € 25,00 (at the venue: € 30,00).

Belgian Evening - 20.00 hrs, Friday, 19 September 2008

The congress organisers intend not to organise a classic Gala Dinner but to invite all congress participants to a big surprise evening called the “Belgian Evening”. The purpose is to gather informally with local drinks and food and good music. It will be a walking dinner with a lot of enjoyment and entertainment. The historic and impressive Belfry of Brugge will be the perfect setting for the “Belgian Evening”. The official carillon player of the city of Brugge will welcome us with a private aperitif concert.

Hotel Accommodation

Only a few cities have the same attraction as Brugge. Brugge has a great number of tourist assets: a magnificent historic centre, many museums and remarkable monuments, a green recreation belt and hundreds of restaurants and colourful pavement cafes.

All hotels are within walking distance and the short walk to the Concertgebouw will give delegates a general impression of Brugge’s architectural and historic splendour.

As Brugge is intensively visited by tourists throughout the year, the Organising Committee has taken options on a large number of rooms, in several hotels. You will find that all of these hotels offer quality lodging including breakfast. Most hotels have car park facilities.

Brugge is also very popular with youngsters and a large number of cheap youth hotels and private houses offering bed and breakfast are available.

For details on the selected congress hotels, availability and hotel reservation, please visit the congress website at www.secec2008.org.

General Information

Secretariat Operating Hours

Wednesday, 17 September 2008	12.00 – 21.00 hrs
Thursday, 18 September 2008	07.00 – 18.00 hrs
Friday, 19 September 2008	07.00 – 18.00 hrs
Saturday, 20 September 2008	07.00 – 18.00 hrs

Name Badges

All participants, accompanying persons and exhibitors must wear the official SECEC Congress badges in order to get access to the lecture halls and/or exhibition and social activities.

Official Language

The official language of the SECEC Congress is English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Audiovisuals

All presentations are to be stored on the central server system of the SECEC Congress. A speaker ready room staffed by professional technicians will be available at the entrance of the Congress Centre. Laptop presentations will not be allowed.

Posters

The poster session will be organised in the atrium on the second floor of the Congress Centre.

Congress Documents

Participants will receive a badge, a certificate of attendance and a certificate of payment at the registration desk.

Accreditation

An application for accreditation units has been submitted.

Disabled Persons

The Concertgebouw Congress Centre and most of the 4 and 5 star hotels are fully accessible for disabled persons. Participants requiring assistance are kindly asked to inform the organisers.

Cloakroom

A guarded cloakroom will be available at the Concertgebouw Congress Centre. Luggage can also be stored here.

Exhibition

An exhibition highlighting medical devices, pharmaceutical products and books will take place in the marquee opposite the Concertgebouw Congress Centre.

Opening hours of the exhibition will be:

Wednesday, 17 September 2008	17.00 – 22.00 hrs
Thursday, 18 September 2008	08.30 – 17.30 hrs
Friday, 19 September 2008	08.30 – 17.30 hrs

On Saturday there will be no exhibition.

Exhibitors from all over the world will display and demonstrate their materials and specialised tools. Access is free for registered participants and for company representatives wearing the official badges of the SECEC Congress.

Non-Smoking Policy

SECEC 2008 will be a non-smoking Congress.

Smoking is prohibited in the Concertgebouw Congress Centre as well as in all exhibition and poster areas.

Climate

Temperatures in September usually are around 15-18°C. The weather is mild in autumn, with an occasional shower.

Visa and Passports

EC citizens only need their national identification papers. Citizens from most other countries will need a valid travel passport. They are encouraged to contact their local Belgian embassy or consulate to enquire about the necessity of visa application.

Liability

By registering into the Congress and/or by participating in the exhibition joined to the Congress, participants and exhibitors agree that neither the Organising Committee nor the Administrative Secretariat assume any liability. Participants and exhibitors are advised to organise their own health, travel and personal insurances.



*See you in Brugge in 2008 but be aware...
you might fall in love with this city*