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and the sections of RBSS: BSAWS, BSBS, BSCRS, BSES, BSHBPS,  
BSUGIS, SOSB

**NINTH**  
**BELGIAN SURGICAL WEEK**  
**Ostend, Thermae Palace Hotel**  
**30<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008**



**THE PLACE OF GUIDELINES  
IN DAILY SURGERY**

**First Announcement**

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# The 9th Belgian Surgical Week is organised together with:

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Belgian Association for Pediatric Surgery (BELAPS)  
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# Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The change of formula, initiated in 2007, by starting the congress on Wednesday midday seems to have satisfied everybody as the participation was significant. This year, the challenge lies elsewhere as the Surgical Week will take place during the long 1<sup>st</sup> May week-end. This has already happened and was most appreciated by all; the opportunity being a nice long stay at our Belgian coast

The theme of the Surgical Week 2008 will be  
**"The place of guidelines in daily surgery"**

The scientific programme will start on Wednesday afternoon with the "How WE do it" session. So as to make this session more attractive, a change has been organized: each section has been asked to present one technique or approach with a counterpart (pros and cons). This should lead to more active presentations and discussions. Each section and society has been eager to provide presentations linked to the place of guidelines in their respective practice.

At the opening ceremony, we shall have the honour to welcome as guest-speaker Dr. Ramaekers, responsible for the KCE. He will give us his opinion and feelings of how guidelines can or should be applied in our daily surgery.

The Surgical Night will take place at the Ostend Queen (Casino), which is within walking distance of the Thermae Palace.

We must not forget though that on Saturday morning, there will be an ethical session, which will certainly be worthwhile, together with the BACTS ethical meeting.

We look forward to this event and hope that as many surgeons as possible will attend what is considered as "THE" surgical event of the year. It is undoubtedly the best way to meet and sometimes discover each other. Sharing and comparing is always a matter of respect ...

So let us all meet in Ostend on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008!

J. Weerts, FRCS Eng.  
President RBSS

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**PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE**

	<b>Wednesday 30/04/2008</b>			<b>Thursday 01/05/2008</b>			<b>Friday 02/05/2008</b>			<b>Saturday 03/05/2008</b>		
Room	Albert Hall	Boudewijn Room	Leopold III Room	Albert Hall	Boudewijn Room	Leopold III Room	Albert Hall	Boudewijn Room	Leopold III Room	Albert Hall	Boudewijn Room	Leopold III Room
8.30												
9.00				CR Free papers	HPB Free papers	Free papers	BGES	BSSO	BAST	Ethics	BTS	
9.30												
10.00												
10.30				coffee break			coffee break					
11.00				Free papers	Free papers	Free papers	BGES	BSSO	BSBS	BACTS		
11.30												
12.00				<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>								
12.30				Short Communications			KCI Symposium VAC therapy					
13.00												
13.30												
14.00	How we do it			BSCRS	SOSB	BAAS	BSHBPS	BSVS	BSAWS			
14.30												
15.00												
15.30		coffee break		coffee break	GA BSUGIS	GA SOSB	coffee break	GA BSAWS				
16.00	How we do it	BELAPS		GA BSCRS	BSUGIS	Free videos	BSHBPS	BSVS	BSES			
16.30				BSCRS								
17.00												
17.30							GA BSHBPS					
18.00				GA RBSS								

**SURGICAL NIGHT**

## General Information

**Date:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April until Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2008

**Venue:** Thermae Palace Hotel, Ostend  
Koningin Astridlaan 7, 8400 Ostend  
Phone during the Congress +32 (0)59 80 66 44  
Fax during the Congress +32 (0)59 80 52 74

**Car Park:** Parking is no longer free at the Thermae Palace.

**Access:** The Ostend railway station is located at a 20 minutes' walk from the Congress venue. The tram with destination De Panne stops in front of the Congress venue (the tram station is located next to the railway station).

**Language:** The official language of the Congress is English. Simultaneous translation is NOT provided.

**Accreditation:** An application for accreditation has been submitted (also for ethics).

**Liability:** In registering for the Congress, participants agree that neither the Congress Committee nor the Organisers assume any liability whatsoever. Participants and sponsors should therefore organise their own health and personal insurances.

**Exhibition:** An exhibition highlighting medical and surgical equipment, pharmaceutical products and books, will be held during the Congress. Access to the exhibition is free for all participants.

**Coffee and Lunch:** Coffee and tea will be available during the breaks between sessions and a light lunch is included in the registration fee.

**Surgical Night on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008**

**Submission of abstracts  
for free papers and free videos  
exclusively via [www.belsurg.org](http://www.belsurg.org)  
Deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

## Registration via the website

<b>Registration Fee (Euro)</b>	Until	Until	As at
Lunches included	31/03/08	15/04/08	16/04/08
Members RBSS & Affiliated Societies* 4 days	170,00	180,00	200,00
Members RBSS & Affiliated Societies* 1 day	110,00	115,00	120,00
Non-Members 4 days	220,00	230,00	250,00
Non-Members 1 day	130,00	140,00	150,00
Trainees			
Members RBSS & Affiliated Societies* 4 days	100,00	110,00	120,00
Members RBSS & Affiliated Societies* 1 day,	60,00	70,00	80,00
Non-Members 4 days	120,00	130,00	140,00
Non-Members 1 day	90,00	100,00	110,00
Surgical Night on Friday			
Surgeons	55,00	55,00	55,00
Trainees	25,00	25,00	25,00

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### Registration includes:

- Participation in the Congress
- The congress bag containing the programme and abstract book, certificates and congress documents
- Lunches, coffee as indicated in the programme

### Payment

- By bank transfer into account number 123-6867284-11 of 'Congress RBSS'  
Bank address: OBK Bank, Graaf v. Vlaanderenplein 19, B-9000 Gent  
SWIFT: BKCPBEBB – IBAN: BE 30 1236 8672 8411
- By credit card: all major credit cards are accepted.

### Registration (only registrations through the web will be taken into account)

The complete programme of the congress and the registration form is available on [www.belsurg.org](http://www.belsurg.org) or [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com).

### Confirmation

Acknowledgement of registration as well as receipt of payment will only be sent when both the registration form and the payment in full have been received.

## Cancellation Policy

- Participants cancelling their registration before 31<sup>st</sup> March will receive a full refund less €25 administration costs. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date.
- Name substitutions are accepted at any time at an extra charge of €15.
- Cancellations must be confirmed in writing to Medicongress.
- All refunds will be made after the congress.

## Hotel Accommodation

Accommodation for the Congress has been secured at group rates at the Thermae Palace hotel. The hotel has been refurbished recently and offers high quality rooms most with sea view.

The prices quoted are per day and include services and taxes.

Standard Room (sea view not guaranteed)	€ 107,50
Palace Room with Terrace	€ 165,00
Breakfast	€ 16,00 per person

- Any request for hotel accommodation must be indicated on the registration form, and must be accompanied by a Credit Card number in order to guarantee the reservation of the room (rooms have to be paid at check-out).
- Room reservations are confirmed via email.
- Rooms are booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. Room availability cannot be guaranteed after 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Registration and Hotel Reservation**  
**[www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)**

## About Ostend

Ostend is not only known as a royal seaside resort, home base of the famous painter Ensor but it also hosts one of Belgium's best museums of modern art. The city is famous for its casino and for its horse race course located opposite the Thermae Palace Hotel & Congress Centre, which is one of the most exciting congress centres of Belgium thanks to its tradition, style and location in front of the beach.

