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BELGIAN SURGICAL WEEK
Ostend, Thermae Palace Hotel
29th-30th April - 1st-2nd May 2009



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IN THE PATIENT'S BEST INTEREST**

First Announcement

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Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Belgian Surgical Week, the Annual Meeting organised by the Royal Belgian Society for Surgery (RBSS) together with other Belgian surgical societies, is a unique opportunity for all surgeons practicing in Belgium to exchange the most up-to-date scientific information, to see old friends and to meet younger colleagues.

This year, we celebrate its 10th anniversary meeting. The Belgian Surgical Week was started in parallel with the remarkable transformation of our Society by the creation of different sections and committees so as to accommodate surgeons dealing with all different surgical subspecialties. This has resulted in the Belgian Surgical Week being the largest surgical meeting in Belgium and we hope that this 10th edition will reach the highest attendance ever.

The scientific theme of this year's meeting is entitled: **Surgeons Collaborating in the Patient's Best Interest.**

On one hand, with this leading theme, we wish to underline the opportunity and the need for all surgeons to join and to participate in national studies, registries and databases so as to gather information which may help improve the outcome of our patients. On the other hand, we want to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration between surgeons from different (sub)specialties to combine surgical skills sometimes necessary to complete complex operations in the best interest of our patients. As you will notice in the final programme, many presentations in the different sessions organised by our sections and sister societies, will touch this topic.

For the first time, the Scientific Prize (€ 3000) of the RBSS will be awarded to a junior RBSS member, younger than 35 years of age, first author, chosen amongst the five best submitted and presented abstracts.

At the opening ceremony, we will have the pleasure to listen to a well known sportsman as well as to an art-lover and to welcome national and regional politicians. At the President's symposium, the new Collegium Chirurgicum Belgicum will be presented to the surgical community and will be followed by presidential address entitled: **The Surgical Community: Reunited!**

The social programme this year will be special and will include a guided visit to the PMMK Museum for Modern Art on Thursday 1st May, the Surgical Night with the gala dinner at the Ostend Queen on Friday 2nd May, and a family boat trip on the North Sea on Saturday 3rd May.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Ostend at the occasion of the 10th Belgian Surgical Week!

Jan Lamote
Secretary General

Dirk Van Raemdonck
President

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

	Wednesday 29/04/2009		Thursday 30/04/2009		Friday 01/05/2009		Saturday 02/05/2009		
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				Free papers	Free papers	Free papers			
9.00- 9.30							BSHBPS	BSAWS/BSSO	Free videos
9.30-10.00									Ethics
10.00-10.30				Press conference			coffee break	GA BSAWS	coffee break
10.30-11.00				OPENING CEREMONY			BSHBPS	BACTS thor.	BSBS
11.00-11.30									BACTS card.
11.30-12.00									
12.00-12.30				Presidential symposium					
12.30-13.00							GA BSHBPS		
13.00-13.30				Satellite symposium or lecture				Satellite symposium KCI	
13.30-14.00				GA BSCRS					
14.00-14.30	How we do it	BELAPS		BSCRS	BSES	BAST BSICS	BGES	BSVS	BSSO
14.30-15.00									
15.00-15.30									
15.30-16.00		coffee break		coffee break	GA SOSB/BSES		coffee break		
16.00-16.30	How we do it	BTS		BSCRS	SOSB	BSUGIS	BGES	BSVS	BSSO
16.30-17.00									
17.00-17.30									
17.30-18.00	Free papers	Free papers		GA RBSS					
18.00-18.30									Free Papers Awards
18.30-									
19.00-									Young Investigators Award Surgical night

= coffee break
 = lunch break
 GA = General Assembly

General Information

Date: Wednesday 29th April until Saturday 2nd May, 2009

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 1st May 2009

**Submission of abstracts
for free papers and free videos
exclusively via www.belsurg.org
Deadline: 28th February 2009**

Registration via the website

Registration Fee (Euro)	Until	Until	As at
Lunches included	31/03/09	15/04/09	16/04/09
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 onto 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 or 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 31st 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 night (City tax € 1,06).

Executive Room (sea view not guaranteed)	€ 107,50
Palace Room with Terrace	€ 165,00
Suite	€ 300,00
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 1st April.

Registration and Hotel Reservation
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.

