EFORT Today – New EFORT newsletter

EFORT has recently decided to launch its own corporate newsletter – **EFORT Today**.

EFORT Today will be published in early May for the first time and there will be two issues per month.

Its aim is to keep up-to-date and engage all O&T surgeons, residents and other healthcare professionals in Europe and beyond. The reflection of the practice of orthopaedics and traumatology in Europe will also give the opportunity to include industry partners and report on collaborative avenues.

Stay tuned for the first issue to be sent out soon!

EFORT Virtual General Assembly

The current developments due to the global Covid-19 pandemic have once again forced us to take the difficult decision to organise the meeting virtually. This decision is supported by the recently performed survey among our National Delegates and we will therefore also schedule the „Implant & Patient Safety" Consensus Conference and the General Assembly independent from each other.

The EFORT virtual General Assembly will take place on **Tuesday, 29 June from 16:00 to 17:30 CET**.

As in 2020, the Swiss Federal Council's Ordinance 2 COVID-19, issued on 19 March 2020, still allows all associations registered in Switzerland and under these exceptional circumstances to hold their General Assemblies virtually, with arrangements for written or electronic voting, which we will prepare accordingly.

During this upcoming General Assembly, our National Delegates will have to vote on new EFORT Board and Finance Committee members. The vacant positions include:

- ❖ Second Vice President
- ❖ Secretary General
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ One Member at Large
- ❖ One Young Member at Large
- ❖ One Finance Committee Member

We already look forward to this virtual event and will provide all necessary information to all invited participants very soon.

The EFORT Board

Virtual EFORT Congress - VEC^{hybrid} 30 June - 02 July 2021

Scientific programme now online!

We are pleased to announce that you can now consult all the scientific sessions of the **Virtual EFORT Congress – VEC^{hybrid}** 2021 which will take place from **30 June to 02 July 2021**.

You can start to plan your own programme while studying the detailed **online Scientific Programme** and identifying sessions, abstracts and ePosters of your interest.

Find out what awaits our attendees amongst +100 sessions and **register online** for the largest European cross border Orthopaedic & Traumatology Congress!

News from the Biomedical Alliance   Biomedical Alliance in Europe

The Biomedical Alliance in Europe is the result of a unique initiative of 32 leading European medical societies that together include more than 400,000 researchers and health professionals. EFORT joined the Biomed Alliance in 2018. EFORT is concentrating on specific topics only, CME and Medical Device Regulation, to be able to achieve actual goals. The Biomedical Alliance is recognised by the EU as notified body and through that, EFORT and its National Societies can actively influence the healthcare agenda.

Take a look at the monthly updates from the Biomedical Alliance to find out more about the different activities: **https://www.biomedeurope.org/news/biomed-updates.html**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Survey and Covid-19 section on the EFORT website

Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeons are used to working with aerosol generating operating tools. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased awareness of the importance of personal protective equipment (PPE) not only for protecting orthopaedic patients from infections but also for staff and surgeon safety.

In order to expand the knowledge and experiences of how orthopaedic and trauma surgeons perceive PPE in their practice an anonymous baseline survey has been compiled and calibrated with the EFORT Board. Please help us improve patient safety and safety of medical staff by taking part in the **survey on Personal Protective Equipment** (PPE)*

This is an anonymous baseline survey, no personalised data to be shared

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