



belgian association of surgical trainees

EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues,
Our redaction received positive reactions on our first newsletter, especially from the youngest colleagues. We hope to go on with this new tradition as our main means of communication, together with our website www.bast.be. If anyone has important surgical or trainee issues to discuss, please contact info@bast.be. Remember that we are there for you!

BOARD NEWS

Last september the BAST was present in a meeting and brian storm session of the "Collegium Chirurgicum" about the future of surgical training. Most of the subdivisions of the RBSS were also present.

This future will contain 4 levels: Master in medical science (7 years, soon 6), Specialist-surgeon (4 years), Particular capability (2 years) and Special competences (? years). Examples for Particular capabilities are general/abdominal, vascular or cardiac surgery. As for the higher level specialisation, most subdivisions think their speciality deserves a specific certificate of Special Competence: cardiac, thoracic, vascular, senologic, endocrinologic, traumatologic, digestive, pediatric, oncologic ... surgery. This reformation must lead to internationally accepted certificates of qualification.

On the other hand is dividing the surgical speciality into all these special competences a potential legal pitfall. For example: Can a endocrinologic surgeon perform an appendectomy when on call?

There are also some practical questions about this reformation. Possible examinations for the last two levels could be similar to the UEMS exams. (more information on www.uemssurg.org).

Conclusion: In the future our surgical training will enclose 4 years truncus communis + several years of particular training in special competences.

The exact realisation of this training in special competences is still open for discussion between the sections of the RBSS. The first recommendations are being expected at the end of 2012.

CALENDER

Oct 20, 2011

First BAST Vascular Suturing Course, Diegem, Belgium

Oct 26-28, 2011

Consensusmeeting, La Hulpe, Belgium

Oct 27, 2011

Thema-avond voor ASO's: Associaties en samenwerkingsverbanden, Antwerp, Belgium

Nov 14, 2011

BGES/BAST joint video session, Brussels, Belgium

Nov 19, 2011

16th Congress on Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Woluwe, Belgium

Dec 9, 2011

10th postgraduate course BSCRS, Neder-over-Heembeek, Belgium

Symposium thoraxheelkunde, pediatric thoracic pathology and esophageal disease Leuven, Belgium

Jan 26, 2012

BAST News Years Reception with interactive case report presentation.

May 9 - 12, 2012

13th Belgian Surgical Week: *Back to Basics? : Surgical Anatomy and Physiology*, Spa, Belgium

