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BAAS, BACTS, BAST, BELAPS, BGES, BSSO, BSVS, BTS, CC
and the sections of RBSS:
BSAWS, BSBS, BSCRS, BSES, BSHBPS, BSUGIS, BeSOMS**

FIFTEENTH BELGIAN SURGICAL WEEK SPA

14th-15th-16th-17th May 2014



**PATIENT-TAILORED
SURGICAL STRATEGY:
PATIENT AND SURGEON
ADVANCING TOGETHER**

First Announcement

The 15th Belgian Surgical Week is organised together with:

Belgian Association for Ambulatory Surgery (BAAS)
Belgian Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery (BACTS)
Belgian Association for Pediatric Surgery (BELAPS)
Belgian Group for Endoscopic Surgery (BGES)
Belgian Society for Surgical Oncology (BSSO)
Belgian Society for Vascular Surgery (BSVS)
Belgian Association for Surgical Trainees (BAST)
Belgian Trauma Society (BTS)
Collegium Chirurgicum (CC)

and the Sections of the RBSS:

Belgian Section for Abdominal Wall Surgery (BSAWS)
Belgian Section for Breast Surgery (BSBS)
Belgian Section for Colorectal Surgery (BSCRS)
Belgian Section for Endocrine Surgery (BSES)
Belgian Section for Hepato-Bilio and Pancreatic
Surgery (BSHBPS)
Belgian Section for Obesity and Metabolic
Surgery (BeSOMS)
Belgian Section for Upper GI Surgery (BSUGIS)

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Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues and Friends

After the success of the BSW held in Spa in 2012, the Board of the Royal Belgian Society of Surgery has decided to return to this beautiful city for its 15th edition, which will take place in the Cultural Center from Wednesday 14th May to Saturday 17th 2014.

This year's theme is:

Patient tailored Surgical Strategy: Patient and Surgeon advancing together.

At the heart of patient-centered care, lies the patient-surgeon relationship, the importance of which cannot be ignored. Built on values of trust, empathy, respect and honesty, it is the foundation on which the surgical therapeutic cooperation exists.

Bearing this in mind, the RBSS' Board thinks that it would be a good idea, in the framework of our Surgical Week, to develop the particular subject on how patients and surgeons can improve, together, surgical care.

The different sections and societies, participating in the congress, will each cover the many aspects of this topic.

At the opening ceremony, besides welcoming a British surgeon who will expose the British situation, we expect the presence of a patient who will share his/her point of view. This session will be completed with a group discussion.

This year, we have also decided that the Young Investigator's Award session, which consists of the five best scored abstracts, deserves more attention. Therefore, this session will be held within the plenary session of Friday midday. There will be no other meeting held simultaneously so we hope that all the participants will attend this session and support the candidates.

The Surgical Night is a tradition now and the dinner will be followed, like previous years, by dancing.

Also, at the Surgical Night, the winner of the Young Investigator's Award will be announced.

As previous years, the dinner and dance is offered to the Junior members of the RBSS (partners are requested to settle their meal). A guarantee payment of 25,00 € will be asked, but fully refunded upon attendance at the Surgical Night. This offer is only valid for bookings made before 30th April 2014.

Finally, the Belgian Surgical Week is the time for most general assemblies.

This is a good opportunity for you to get involved in the life of your Society. Behind every event (Belgian Surgical Week, Postgraduate courses, workshops,...) or behind any kind of surgical promotion, you will notice the effort of many colleagues.

Join them, give them a bit of your time and energy and let them know your feelings – even negative ones. Every participant is more than welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Spa!

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

	Wednesday 14/05/2014	Thursday 15/05/2014	Friday 16/05/2014	Saturday 17/05/2014
Hour				
08.30-09.00				
09.00-09.30		Free Paper Sessions	BESOMS	Workshop
09.30-10.00		Free Paper Session	BESOMS	
10.00-10.30			BESOMS	
10.30-11.00			BSAWS	
11.00-11.30				Workshop
11.30-12.00		Operating Ceremony		
12.00-12.30			Plenary Session	
12.30-01.00			Young Investigator's Award	
01.00-01.30				
01.30-02.00				
02.00-02.30				
		DACC	DEBC	DVR
			BHBPS BGES	

General Information

Date: Wednesday 14th until 17th May, 2014

Venue: Spa, Cultural Centre
rue Servais 8
4900 Spa
Tel.: 087 77 30 00

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 16th May 2014

Registration via the website

Registration Fee (Euro)	Until	As from
Lunches included	15/04/2014	16/04/2014
Surgeons		
Members RBSS 4 days	170,00	230,00
Members RBSS 1 day	110,00	150,00
Non-Members 4 days	290,00	340,00
Non-Members 1 day	160,00	210,00
Trainees		
Members RBSS 4 days	100,00	150,00
Members RBSS 1 day	60,00	110,00
Non-Members 4 days	170,00	220,00
Non-Members 1 day	120,00	170,00
Patients 1 day	60,00	110,00
Saturday 4 th (no lunch)	50,00	90,00
Surgical Night on Friday		
Surgeons	55,00	55,00
Trainees*	25,00	25,00

* The Surgical Night is offered to the RBSS' Junior members (partners are requested to settle their dinner). A guarantee payment of 25.00 € will be asked, but refunded upon attendance at the Surgical Night. The offer is only valid for reservations made before 30th April 2014.

Titular members of the RBSS receive a 25,00€ discount on their registration fee.

Non-Members have the possibility to participate at the reduced "membership registration" rate on condition that they become affiliated and pay their RBSS 2014 registration **on site** (50,00€ for trainees, 200,00€ for surgeons).

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
IBAN: BE 54 737 0287 174 97 of 'Congress RBSS'
BIC: KREDBEBB
- 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 will be available in due course on www.belsurg.org or <http://www.surgeryweek.be>.

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 are able to re-assign their registration to another person without any costs.
- If for any reason, you are unable to arrange a replacement, a full refund (less an administration charge of 25 Euro) will be made.
- Cancellations must be notified to Semico nv/sa, by fax to +32 9 233 85 97.
- There will be no refunds for cancellations received after 31th March.
- All refunds will be made after the congress.

Hotel Accommodation

- Hotel accommodation can be booked through the registration website, a Credit Card number will be required in order to guarantee the reservation of the room. Rooms and extras will have to be paid at check-out.
- Room reservations will be confirmed by mail.
- Rooms are booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. Room availability cannot be guaranteed after 15th April.

Registration and Hotel Reservation
<http://www.surgeryweek.be>

**Submission of abstracts
for free papers and free videos
exclusively via www.belsurg.org
Deadline: 28th February 2014**