

Dear surgical trainee

As previous president of the Belgian association of surgical trainees (BAST) and current Belgian representative of EYSAC (**ESSO Young Surgeons Alumni Club**) I'm aware of the needs of most Belgian surgical trainees concerning surgical training as well as the possibility to gain experience abroad. For this reason I would like to advise you to visit the website <https://www.essoweb.org/>

Frequently, high quality courses (practical on cadaver, animal models,...) are held. Furthermore, opportunities for fellowships abroad as well as grants are offered.

ESSO's mission is to support its members in advancing the science and practice of surgical oncology for the benefit of cancer patients. The Society aims to achieve this through a range of activities related to education, research and leadership in **multidisciplinary care**. EYSAC aims to help young surgeons play an active role in the future of surgical oncology.

ESSO performs a range of activities:

- Organising the biggest [congress](#) in surgical oncology in Europe
- Unifying the surgical oncology community in a network of over 20,000 members (individuals and corporate)
- Providing education and training to both young and experienced surgeons through [courses](#) and [e-learning](#) activities
- Publishing a monthly scientific Journal ([EJSO-the Journal of Cancer Surgery](#))
- Partnering in projects and courses with other discipline and organ-based societies within [ECCO-the European CanCer Organisation](#)
- Contributing to the development of the surgical oncology programme of the European Cancer Congress
- Providing an attractive [fellowship programme](#) facilitating exchange of knowledge and continuing medical education
- Offering specific opportunities for young cancer surgeons and cancer surgeons from developing countries to attend the [ESSO Congress](#)
- Organising yearly, in co-operation with the European Board of Surgery, an examination in [surgical oncology](#) and in [breast cancer surgery](#) certifying the competence necessary for the treatment of cancer patients
- Informing on educational and scientific opportunities via its [newsletter](#) and website
- Supporting quality assurance [projects](#) towards the improvement of cancer care for all patients in Europe
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Kind regards

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