



# Committee Reports

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## EASTERN EUROPE SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT



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We would like to share with you the report on activities of the Eastern European Support Committee (EESC). The interests in shoulder and elbow surgery have risen significantly over the recent years. Numbers of the SECEC members from EE countries increased although there are some empty islands on the European map. Our main mission is not only to increase the Eastern European family of SECEC members but also to improve our research activities, be more active in presenting our own results and publish our data. The Eastern European Support Committee is continuously active in providing quality teaching and participation in local, national and regional meetings.

EESC currently consists of Przemyslaw Lubiatowski (Poland), Nuri Aydin (Turkey) Paolo Paladini (Italy), Janne Lehtinen (Finland), Pericles Papadopoulos (Greece) and Gabor Skaliczki (Hungary). This report will include the activities from the Istanbul congress until now.

Turkey remained very active in teaching, organizing 3 cadaver courses organised by the Turkish Society: **9th shoulder arthroscopy cadaver** course was organised by the Turkish society in Antalya (11/2014 by Dr Taner Gunes), **1st shoulder arthroplasty cadaver course** was held in Izmir (01/2015 by Hayrettin Kesmezacar) and **Comprehensive elbow cadaver course in Antalya** (05/2015 by Ata Can Atalar). Free registration for EEC for the course was offered. Basic arthroscopic and open procedures and advanced arthroplasty techniques were studied on fresh frozen cadaveric shoulders.

There was another (4th) edition of the **Zagreb shoulder and elbow course**, organised under SECEC support, by Nikola Cicak. This year the participation increased to 81 participants with a faculty of 16 countries.

Significant step has been made in Poland, where the **Polish society for shoulder and elbow** was founded (2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015). This was accompanied by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Master course and cadaver workshop in Glucholazy (by Dr Robert Pelka). Earlier this season was another edition of the meeting in Bielsko-Biala with intense live surgery organised by Dr Roman Brzoska.

Important event on our EE map, the 2 **SECEC/EFORT sessions in Prague** (March 2015) were very successful. Both sessions were presented by international and Czech faculty : massive rotator cuff tears and infections in shoulder surgery. This participation was promoted for EE shoulder surgeons.

Dr Evgenyi Goncharov organised instructional and live surgery course in Moscow with official support of the SECEC with both Russian and international faculty. The course was very well accepted and showed great interest and rising experience in that part of Europe.

We have managed to attract new members from the countries that did not have representation so far in our society. We have also rejuvenated our part of the SECEC website. Some of EE surgeons had a chance to join the meetings in Germany and Finland with free participation.

The Eastern European Support Committee is working actively to develop **participation of SECEC members** at teaching sessions in the meetings. For the future we are planning **a fellowship program** from Eastern European countries.

We are staying at disposal to help our Eastern European members and those willing to join us in the future.