



Newsletter 2016/2 Congress Cancellation

Dear ESES member,

It is very sad to announce that the Executive Committee in agreement with the local organizers have decided to cancel our 7th ESES biennial congress that was to be held in Istanbul.

It has been a difficult and painful decision but we all feel it is the right one. The recent terrorist attacks and alarms in Turkey, and particularly those in downtown Istanbul, make us fear that the safety of those attending the meeting might be in danger. Because these are a consequence of the political and military troubles in the region, we do not foresee that the risk will be less during the months to come.

We feel very sorry both for the ESES membership that was looking forward to an excellent scientific and social program, and for our Turkish friends and colleagues that have put so much work and enthusiasm in organizing the Congress.

The 7th ESES congress will be probably postponed to April 2017 in Oxford but this and many other issues (elections, new members, financial impact, etc.) will be discussed in a forthcoming extraordinary meeting of the ESES Executive Committee. Obviously, as soon as we have solved these issues you will be notified by newsletter in early June.

Meanwhile, those authors of accepted abstracts are invited to send the manuscripts to the *Langenbecks Archives of Surgery* to be considered for publication in the special issue on Endocrine Surgery that will be published at the end of the year. If, once updated, they decide to re-send these for next year's congress, they will be given priority.

We all hope and wish that peace will soon return to the region and that the humanitarian drama in the east of the Mediterranean will be over as soon as possible.

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