

Dear Sir, Madam,

The 10th International Congress on Surgical and Prosthetic Rehabilitation after Laryngectomy '*High Tech Rehabilitation after Laryngectomy*' will be held from April 17th to 20th 2005 in Groningen, the Netherlands and is organised by the European Group for functional surgery after laryngectomy (EGFL). *Associated organisations* will be the European Laryngological Society (ELS) and the European Society of Engineering and Medicine (ESEM).

We have already made a highly interesting preliminary programme to attract many ENT-physicians, scientists and engineers from all over the world. As in all former congresses we intend to stimulate active integration between medicine, science and R&D of industries by focussing on a limited number of subjects, organising only plenary sessions and limiting the number of participants.

The congress contains six different sessions, like:

- Clinical experiences with prosthetic devices.
- Innovative devices for laryngeal reconstruction.
- Innovative surgical reconstruction techniques after laryngectomy.
- An ELS-session: New high-tech instrumentation for endoscopic laryngeal surgery.
- An ESEM-session: New developments in Tissue Engineering.

Each session is composed of free papers, a guest lecture and a round table discussion.

Also three workshops will be organised:

- Prof. Ingo Herrmann (Rome, I) will demonstrate two new surgical reconstruction techniques after total laryngectomy.
- Dr. Bernard van der Laan and dr. Frederik Dijkers (Groningen, NL) will give a hands-on course on laryngeal and tracheal endoscopy, including tracheotomy.
- The third workshop is organised by Servox and is entitled 'Speech rehabilitation after laryngectomy with the electrolarynx'.

For workshop 1 and 2 only 6 persons each are allowed, **so register in time, ultimately 1 April!**

Due to the size of the auditorium only a *limited amount of participants can be admitted*, so **please register in time to ensure your participation.**

Please send in your abstract in time:

the deadline for abstract submission is 15 February.

All information like scientific program, abstract form and registration form can be found on the congress website: www.med.rug.nl/bme/egfl

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email us or the congress secretariat.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you in Groningen.

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