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Report on the 1st National congress of orthopedists and traumatologist of Austria, 12.05–14.05.2022, Graz, Austria

On 12-14 May 2022, the first National Congress of Orthopedists and Traumatologists was held in the Austrian city of Graz (Fig. 1). The venue of the event was the Messe Congress Center. More than 650 delegates from Austria, Estonia, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Ukraine, Finland and Sweden took part in the work of the Congress.

It should be noted that today there are two separate associations in Austria: one for orthopedists, the other for traumatologists. Therefore, all the time until 2022 national congresses were held separately. For the first time in the history of modern Austrian medicine, a joint congress of orthopedists and traumatologists was proposed by Professor Andreas Leithner from the University of Graz. Accordingly, he was the president of this first national congress, which was held under the auspices of EFORT. The vice-president of the Ukrainian Association of Orthopedics and Traumatologists, chief physician of the State Institution «Professor M. I. Sytenko Institute of Spine and Joint Pathology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine» Professor O. E. Vyrva, was honored to represent Ukraine at the opening ceremony as an honored guest with a welcome speech and the first report «Orthopedics and traumatology during the war in Ukraine» (Fig. 2).

The unity of all the democratic progressive forces of the world, the international orthopedic society against the aggressive invaders of Russia's war in Ukraine was expressed in long thunderous applause after his report. A touching attitude towards Ukraine

and support for our country was manifested at almost every meeting of the Congress during the entire period of its work.

The scientific program of the Congress was quite rich. Thematic meetings were held in 4 halls in parallel, from 9:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. All activities were offered in the form of reports, panels with author's presentations, anatomical and practical seminars, round discussion tables on individual professional issues, satellite symposia of sponsoring companies. Separate training courses were held for young specialists in plaster technique and orthotics, pain-relieving acupuncture therapy, manual medicine and rehabilitation after operations on the musculoskeletal system. Most of the presentations were given in German, but some sessions were held in English.

In two sessions, the issue of infectious complications and sepsis in orthopedics and traumatology was considered. Mathias Glehr and Heinz Winkler from Austria, Andrej Trampuz from Germany gave interesting reports on the basic principles of infection control,



Fig. 2. Report of Professor O. E.Vyrva

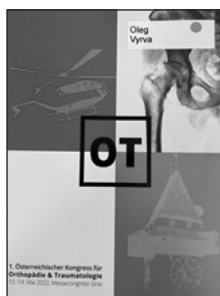


Fig. 1. Congress program



Fig. 4. CME-certificate of the congress participant

the use of VAC therapy and treatment of periprosthetic infection. At separate sessions, reports were presented on the most complex issues of traumatology, namely: polytrauma, fractures of the pelvis and acetabular area. Martin Dominkus (Austria) and Carsten Perka (Germany) were keynote speakers at the revision knee arthroplasty session. A very important and interesting session on geriatric traumatology was chaired by the leading experts in this field in Austria, Thomas Freude and Nina Horlesberger. The meeting of the Austrian Society of Tumors of the Musculoskeletal System (AMSOS) should be highlighted separately within the congress, where Pietro Ruggieri (Italy) took an active part with a report on the evolution of modular tumor endoprosthesis, Miklos Szen-droi (Hungary) spoke on the treatment of giant cell tumor with denosumab, Dimosthenis Andreou (Germany), other speakers were Philipp Funovich and Marko Bergovec (Austria), Oleg Vyrva (Ukraine) and others.

An interesting interactive panel on issues of primary and, especially, revision hip arthroplasty was held, dominated by Professor Reinhard Windhager (Vienna) together with Georg Thewanger. The issue of pediatric traumatology and infections of the bone system in children and adolescents was allocated to a separate group. The meeting on sports traumatology and arthroscopy was moderated by Austrian colleagues Stefan Fisherauer and Stefan Nehrer, who covered in detail the issues of tenodesis of biceps brachii muscle injuries, patellofemoral instability, the use of allografts in arthroscopic surgery, etc.

Traditionally, the work of the congress was supported by 42 leading European and global medical device manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies. DePuy Synthes, ImplanTec GmbH and Schwa-Medico became the main sponsors.

In total, more than 200 reports were made and more than 1000 abstracts and poster presentations were given. At the end, CME certificates were issued (Fig. 3).

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