

## TraumaCare 2002 - Scandinavia

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is a pleasure to invite you all to the 15th Trauma Care Congress (**TraumaCare2002-Scandinavia**) to be held in Stavanger, Norway, from May 23-25 next year. The meeting is co-sponsored by TraumaCare International (ITACCS) and *Akuttjournalen - The Scandinavian Journal of Trauma and Emergency Medicine*.

We offer all members of the trauma team a unique opportunity to meet and interact with trauma experts from around the world. Among the many supporting societies you will find the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine, the Scandinavian Surgical Society, as well as the British Trauma Society.

The topics of this congress are all linked to the "Trauma Chain of Survival." If we are to improve our trauma systems, we must become better team players and be able to communicate in the best interest of our patients. We must understand that the different phases of trauma care—prehospital, emergency department, operating room, intensive care unit, and rehabilitation—should be viewed as a continuum of care. The key words to success are mutual understanding between those performing life-saving surgery in the hospital and those making sure the patient receives the appropriate life-support before and afterward. We need hard data about what to do, and when and how to do it, as well as a clear understanding of the human factors involved. That is what the "Trauma Chain of Survival" is meant to symbolize.

Our International Scientific Advisory Board (anesthesiologists, emergency physicians, intensivists, general surgeons, trauma surgeons, and neurosurgeons as well as trauma and intensive care nurses) has made it possible to create an exciting scientific program. The Preliminary Scientific Program can be downloaded from our Web site, [www.traumacare2002.com](http://www.traumacare2002.com). Please bookmark it and check for more details and the final program later.

The meeting will be held in a new congress hotel in downtown Stavanger, a modern and charming city situated at the gate to the famous fjords and mountains of western Norway.

We also invite you to social events you will never forget. And we offer you all this for very affordable prices. Why not bring your partner and family? If you have more questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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**The following presentations will be delivered during the opening session.  
Please see the preliminary program for more information!**

### Opening Plenary Session / Keynote Lectures

**Peter Oakley: Improving the Trauma Chain of Survival and the Trauma Team - do we have the answers?**

Having worked within all the links of the Trauma Chain of Survival, Peter Oakley is an international acknowledged expert on this topic and work as a Consultant in Trauma and Anesthesia at the University Hospital in Stoke-on-Trent, UK.

**Bill Schwab: The patient is still bleeding and in hemorrhagic shock! Now what?**

Professor Schwab is one of the inventors of "damage control surgery". He works in the Division of Traumatology and Surgical Critical Care, Department of Surgery, at the University of Philadelphia, USA.

**Mads Gilbert: The Trauma Chain of Survival under extreme conditions - is there a limit to survival?**

Mads Gilbert works as an anesthesiologist and is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the northernmost university hospital in the world in Tromsø, Norway. He is not only involved with trauma care under extreme condition in rural, arctic areas but also spends a significant amount of his time treating victims of war and training health personnel in Africa and Asia.

**Kerstin Sluys: Trauma nursing in Scandinavia - more than just a vision!**

Kerstin Sluys is a trained intensive care nurse and, before returning to Sweden, worked in a busy trauma center in Chicago, USA. She now works as Trauma Coordinator at Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm. She is doing her doctoral thesis on the use of trauma registries in quality improvement. She was among the founders of the Swedish Association of Trauma Nurses.

# **CORRECTION**

**Dallas, Texas to Host TraumaCare 2003**

**TraumaCare 2003 dates:**

**May 15 to 17, 2003**