



Bilbao, July 26th, 2019

ATTN:
Executive Committee of ISDE

Dear members of the Committee,

This is to thank you for your support to the 26th National Congress of Oesophago-gastric Surgery of the Spanish Association of Surgeons (AEC).

The meeting was held in Bilbao on 6th-7th June with more than 270 assistants and 145 accepted presentations (60-poster, 36-oral and 49-video). Talks were carried out either in Spanish or English depending on the native language of the speaker.

The main current open questions and trends in E-G surgery were discussed with the help of the most experienced Spanish teams and outstanding foreign speakers such as Takeshi Sano, Peter McCulloch, Hubert Stein, Magnus Nilsson, Philippe Nafteux, José Barbosa and Alberto Isla. The role and limits of minimally invasive surgery, multidisciplinary approach to care, management of complications and several innovative questions (robotics, ICG...) were largely debated.

The structure given to the Congress, with "How do I do it?" sessions focused on technical tricks, "Face to face" to defend opposite or complementary points of view, Panels for open questions and Lectures to share expert advices were considered very useful for the optimal profit of the delegates. A short space was given to Magnus Nilsson and Manuel Pera to present the ESDE & ISDE to the attendees (please consult the attached programme or visit the web of the Congress in www.rncirugiaeg2019.com).

I would like to insist in the enormous pride of having the ISDE support to our meeting, the conviction that its scientific level has been remarkable and the hope that our collaboration will go on in the upcoming years.

Sincerely yours

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