

2nd ESPRAS Virtual European Leadership Forum Promoting Principled Practice in Plastic Surgery

The European Society of Plastic,
Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery
March 19th 2021 · 14:00 to 16:00 CEST

Call for Contributions



Dear leaders and delegates of national societies of Plastic Surgery in Europe,

after the success of the first ESPRAS European Leadership Forum (ELF) in October 2020 the Executive Committee (ExCo) of the European Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery organizes its second ESPRAS European Leadership Forum on March 19th 2021. The focus of this second meeting is to develop European strategies to both strengthen interdisciplinary cooperations but also defend plastic surgical key content against other disciplines.

Certainly, the focus lies on Aesthetic Surgery, where medical doctors without plastic surgical background, or non-medical professions like cosmeticians offer cosmetic procedures as so called „Beauty Docs“. The term Cosmetic Surgery is not protected by law in many countries and patients are often not aware of the actual qualification of the treating doctor. However, it is in the clear interest of the patient to be treated by board certified Plastic Surgeons with sufficient training in the field

Furthermore, since Plastic Surgery is a fairly broad field of medicine that does not focus on one sole part of the body or on one special operative technique, we encounter difficulties protecting the content and definition of Plastic Surgery: Reconstructive Breast Surgery after cancer is endangered, as it is being absorbed by gynecologists; Hand Surgery is progressively performed by trauma and orthopedic surgeons and Craniofacial Surgery has in some countries already been completely taken over by Maxillo-facial Surgeons.

At this stage we would like to announce the date for the virtual meeting and also call for possible contributions and experiences from you as a leader of your national society. Please confirm your participation and forward suggestions for the program as soon as possible via Email to r.giunta@med.uni-muenchen.de. The final program will be announced at the beginning of the New Year 2021.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas. Please stay healthy in times of the pandemic, as we hope for a bright and joyful New Year 2021!

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