Rationale 1st ESA Meeting Rome, 2-3 October 2015

The first European Shoulder Associates (ESA) Meeting "Management of failed shoulder surgery" will be held in Rome on 2-3 October 2015. This is the first official meeting of ESA after its foundation as a section of ESSKA focused on shoulder surgery.

The meeting will be focused on the management of failures of surgical treatment of different pathological conditions around the shoulder, such as: instability of the glenohumeral joint and of the acromio-clavicular joint, rotator cuff disease and pathology of the long head of the biceps tendon, and glenohumeral osteoarthritis. Particularly, a special focus will be on failure of shoulder arthroplasty. Current status of management of failures of shoulder surgical procedures will be presented by leading European shoulder expert together with selected non-ESA experts. The meeting has set a format for a "consensus meeting", with peer-reviewed invited lectures and panel discussion on challenging cases. Interaction with the audience will be possible during the sessions by using voting systems.

The meeting represents a great opportunity to make a point on some controversial topics about shoulder and might be a valid update for orthopedic surgeons and also extends to other medical and health practitioners, such as: sports medicine doctors, physical medicine doctors, and physical therapists.

ESA stands for "Excellence in Shoulder Treatment" and this will be demonstrated very successfully with this type of meeting.