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The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) & the World Coalition for Trauma Care (WCTC) would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the 77th Annual Meeting of AAST and Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery and the 4th World Trauma Congress, which will be held September 26–29, 2018, at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California. This year's meeting is an exceptional opportunity for our members to hear from, and connect with, many more of our international colleagues.

AAST's Annual Meeting is the premier, and largest, presentation of research data in Trauma, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery, and is attended by leading university- and hospital-based surgeons working in the United States and internationally. The World Trauma Congress is an international meeting that is held each year in conjunction with the meeting of one of its 16 partner organizations. The World Trauma Congress has never been held in the United States before, and AAST is honored to host our esteemed partner.

This year's AAST meeting will include 65 oral presentations, 25 Quick Shots, and 140 poster presentations, as well as 12 lunch sessions that will be moderated by experts in the acute care surgery and trauma area. Also offered at this year's meeting will be the World Trauma Congress sessions at which international surgeons will provide cutting-edge research. The World Trauma Congress sessions will include 100 posters, 3 expert panels, and over 120 presentations. We encourage you to visit the AAST website (www.aast.org) for additional program information.

AAST is excited to be hosting our international colleagues this year in San Diego. We hope that you can attend the meeting, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the AAST Central Office by phone at (800) 789-4006, or by email at aast@aast.org.

Sincerely,

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