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## MESSAGE FROM **THE CHAIRMAN** **THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CROATIAN** **SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC SURGERY**

*Zoran Bahtijarević, MD*

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Croatian Society of Pediatric Surgery is organizing the 9th Croatian Congress of Pediatric Surgery with International Participation from September 21st to September 24th 2022 in Pula, Croatia.

We have a long history of successful meetings behind us, as well as the privilege to have been given the chance to organize the 1st World Congress of Pediatric Surgery in Zagreb in 2004, which was acclaimed as one of the most noted meetings on that level so far.

Our meetings are attended by a large number of colleagues from the region, but also from other European countries and the USA.

It is our goal to keep the tradition alive and rejuvenate it with novelties in accordance with the evolution of our specialty in order to provide our colleagues with the most up-to-date achievements.

As a tradition, we are also hosting a large international event – the 13th Annual European Pediatric Colorectal and Pelvic Reconstruction Workshop which is a well-established and recognized meeting. Taking the COVID-19 pandemic into account as well as the unfortunate geopolitical situation, we have enabled online and hybrid participation.

We would like to invite you to participate in our meeting and hope we will have the chance to meet in Pula.

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## MULTIDISCIPLINARY SURGICAL APPROACH IN EXTENSIVE TRAUMA INJURY OF UPPER EXTREMITY- CASE REPORT

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Polytraumatized 9 year old patient, in a hemorrhagic and traumatic shock with severe laceration injury of the left upper extremity and early signs for acute critical ischemia, was admitted in our emergency department

Surgery was initiated within the first hour of hospital admission. Exploration revealed highly contaminated wound, extensive soft tissue damage, severe muscle laceration, axillary artery lesion, thrombosed axillary vein, neuropraxia of the brachial plexus and open humeral shaft fracture grade III according Gustilo- Anderson classification. The axillary artery lesion was replaced with a reversed saphenous vein interposition graft and the axillary vein thrombus was removed using Fogarty catheter. The open humeral shaft fracture was stabilized with external fixation osteosynthesis. After meticulous and radical injury zone excision was completed, soft tissue coverage and tension free approximation of the muscle and skin was achieved. Pre- and intraoperative broad spectrum antibiotics were used.

Postoperative follow up was satisfactory with acceptable functional and aesthetic outcome. Complete healing of the humeral shaft fracture was noticed after 18 weeks. Rehabilitation program was started after humeral fracture was stable.

The treatment of this kind of injuries require multidisciplinary surgical approach that includes traumatology surgeons, vascular surgeons and plastic surgeons.