7th World Congress of the Abdominal Compartment Society
“Expanding our horizon”

May 28-30 2015
Ghent, Belgium
Venue: het Pand

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Scientific Program
The Congress includes formal state-of-the-art presentations as well as practical discussions such as tutorials, pro-con debates, case presentations, “meet the experts”, “how I do it” and “what I learned today” sessions. There will also be free paper and poster sessions.

Congress theme: Expanding our horizon
As science is advancing and patient challenges evolve, the abdominal compartment syndrome is no longer the sole target for the WSACS – The Abdominal Compartment Society. The physiology and pathophysiology of the abdominal compartment as a whole better describes the current focus of the society’s efforts, as well as the main topics covered in the 7th WCACS.

The program will focus on the following topics, and is aimed at all healthcare workers who deal with complex abdominal situations during critical illness and beyond.

• Cutting edge IAH management
• Abdominal compartment syndrome treatment - when and how
• Abdominal wall reconstruction
• Temporary abdominal closure – improving outcome
• Inflammation and abdominal disease
• Fluid resuscitation and monitoring
• Nutrition and the abdomen
• Abdominal trauma – how to eradicate ACS
• Diagnosis and management of abdominal infections

Abstract submission
Abstracts must be submitted via the website (www.wsacs.org) by February 15th, 2015 and their receipt will be acknowledged. Confirmation of accepted abstracts: March 15, 2015

Registration
WSAC members can register at a preferential rate; members of endorsing societies receive a 20% discount on the full registration. Check our website if your society is endorsing the meeting! Special early bird rates available – check the website.

Location
The WSACS is excited to bring the seventh WCACS back to Belgium, in the beautiful city of Ghent. Ghent is a vibrant city, has an extensive history and is well known as one of the Flemish Art Cities. Ghent is host to one of the largest universities of Belgium with over 38,000 students. The city has excellent connections to Brussels Airport with two direct trains per hour.

Venue
The Congress will be held in “het Pand” Congress Centre of Ghent University. ‘Het Pand’ is an old Dominican monastery located in the heart of the city on the banks of the river Leie, near the medieval port with the guildhalls as its remnants. It was recently acquired by Ghent University and converted to a congress center. The venue is located in the heart of the historical city center, within walking distance of all major hotels and touristic attractions.

Language
English will be the official spoken and written language.

Congress details
The 7th WCACS will be held in 2015, May 28th – 30th. We will permanently update the congress websites www.wsacs.org and www.wcacs2015.org. So please check these websites regularly for all congress details, registration and hotel reservation or contact the organizers (Jan De Waele, Jan. DeWaele@UGent.be).