BOTA Congress 28 November 2026
On Call & In Control.
Venue Old Prison Hasselt, Belgium

07:30 **Registration**

08:15 **Opening**
Ben Molenaers, Congress President
François Carlier, BOTA President

08:30 **Session 1: Non surgical treatment update**

Hand: Hand fractures/ wrist fractures
L. Vanlaer

Shoulder fractures: Not to operate?!!
A. Vervaecke

F/A fractures: Weber B
S. VanRoy

Hip fractures: loco-regional block and comfort treatment
W. Sioen

Discussion

09:10 **Session 2: IOTA mini-symposium: Acute treatment update**

Open fractures: When, how good debridement?
B. Meesters

Open fractures: External fixation/def fixation
R. Verboket

Open fractures: Void filling/local AB
J Geurts

Open fractures: Flap surgery? Timing
T. Obremskey

Discussion

10:10 **Coffee Break**

10:30	**Session 3: Update surgical treatment**

Metcarpal/phalanx osteosynthesis
J. Duerinckx

Shoulder fractures: PSOS vs Prosthesis
J.Beckers

F/A: Posterior malleolus fractures
I Caracudovici

Hip fractures: BHP/THP fracture Gen orthop vs Hip surgeon
J. Vanlommel

Tibia plateau fracures
H. Hoekstra

Discussion

11:20	**Session 4: Soft tissue trauma management: update SORBCOT/ BVOT Session**

AC dislocation
M. Colman

Elbow ligamentous lesions
O. Barbier

Achilles tendon rupture
D.Putineanu

Hamstring/rectus injuries
FJ.Vandeputte

Knee ligamentous injuries
T.Obremskey

Discussion

12:20 Lunch

12:50 **Free poster session**

13:15 Key note Lecture:

Clamshell osteotomy
G. Russel

13:45	**Session 5: AO Session - Infection prevention/treatment in Trauma**

Antibiotic grafts
G Putzeys

Graft options
T.Obremsky

Bacteriofagen treatment
WJ Metsemakers

Discussion

14:45	**Session 6: Paediatric Fractures**

Forearm fractures: Closed/pinning
K.Fabry

Femur fractures: Traction/spica/ TEN/nail
F. Plasschaert

Tibia fractures: Cast/TEN/nail
A. Laumen

Discussion

15:25 Coffee Break

15:40	Session 7: Law & Ethics session SORBCOT-BVOT Session *(accreditation points)* Polytrauma patient pathway: ethics and financing in Belgian trauma care

Speakers: O. Barbier; T. Schubert; D. Putineanu

This interactive session follows the real-life journey of a polytrauma patient, who will be invited to contribute to the discussion. Using this patient-centered approach, the panel will explore each phase of care—from prehospital management to rehabilitation—through both an ethical and an economic/organizational lens.

A multidisciplinary faculty will address key decision points, highlighting current challenges in Belgian trauma care organisation and financing, and discussing the expected impact of ongoing reforms.

16:40 **Closing of Congress**