

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

<u>Moderators:</u> Wim Vandesande Christophe Marchal

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

<u>Moderators:</u> Guy Putzeys Kees Jan Ponsen

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 Moderators: Wim de Weerd Fergus Bonavie
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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 fractures

H. Hoekstra

Discussion

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

M. Colman

Elbow ligamentous lesions

O. Barbier

Achilles tendon rupture

D. Putineanu

Hamstring/rectus injuries

F.J. Vandeputte

Knee ligamentous injuries

T. Obremskey

Discussion

12:20 Lunch

12:50 **Free poster session**

13:15	Key note Lecture: Clamshell osteotomy <u>G. Russel</u> Introduction: Jan van Meirgaeghe
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13:45 **Session 5: AO Session - Infection prevention/treatment in Trauma**

Moderators: **Heinz Hulsmans**
Dan Putineanu

Antibiotic grafts

G. Putzeys

Graft options

T. Obremsky

Bacteriophage treatment

W.J. Metsemakers

Discussion

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

Moderators: **François Carlier**
Julie Manon

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

This interactive session follows the real-life journey of a polytrauma patient, who will be invited to contribute to the discussion. Using this patient-centred 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**