

## **An insight into the upcoming ESMINT Annual Meeting - Nice, France 2022**



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### **Dr. Mohamed Aggour speaks to Oruen for this expert interview.**

Dr. Aggour is engaged in the endovascular treatment and management of brain and spinal vascular diseases. Enthusiastic in promoting medical education and training in INR with regional, national, and international universities and health care institutions in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. His spectrum of interest includes endovascular management brain aneurysms & AVMs, intensive care management of SAH, stroke management, awareness and service and Research in the field.

His field of research includes perfusion endovascular studies, innovative devices & AI, clot models, Stroke & cerebral ischemia. He is an Associate editor of the Journal of Neuroradiology, Chairman of the Publication Executive committee at ESMINT, President of the ESMINT's 2022 annual meeting and co-president of the PAIRS Neuro Society.

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### Introduction

Welcome everyone, I am an interventional neuroradiologist and Chair of the publication Executive Committee at the ESMINT Society. I had the immense pleasure and honor to be chosen as President of the ESMINT 14th annual meeting in Nice this year (2022).

The ESMINT Society is a leading society in the world and its important annual meeting reflects the society's solid engagement in training, education, research, innovation, setting European / International guidelines, and advanced knowledge in our field. Our annual meeting is an important gathering and opportunity to introduce new innovations, advances in our field & the awaited results of important research trials.

### Q1. What is new at this year's ESMINT 2022 annual meeting?

I can keep going for hours in my answer to this question as we have introduced many exciting new sessions and additions for our annual meeting this year in Nice! One of the most exciting sessions, and dear to my heart, is the keynote lecture which will be presented this year by Andrew Molyneux. We will be celebrating 20 years of ISAT study with its main author and our community! The ISAT study is the corner stone in our practice for the endovascular management of cerebral aneurysms. The validation of our minimally invasive techniques structured our practice on regional and national levels and the innovation in these techniques is a non-stop continuous process.

We also have this year a new session which I believe will have a great role in defining the future of our practice; the 'R&D's meets the experts' session. It starts with 2 great talks on how to bring your idea to practice and the importance of bench-testing. An extended open table discussion between experts and R&D's will follow, where we will discuss future directions in AI, Robotics, mixed reality, bio-degradable devices and recognition of clot types.

Another great addition this year is the 'The Startup Alley', a new concept where new start-ups will have the opportunity to be part of our meeting. This will give them the opportunity to present their innovations, directly to our community through their booths and a presentation in a dedicated session in the main program. These promising new ideas & innovations will get refined faster through this direct interaction and will have wider exposure and reach. This will also allow practitioners in our field to have the opportunity to know faster about these brilliant ideas and minds. These two combined, will allow faster validation of these new concepts to treat our patients more rapidly and safely.

Another important addition this year is the 'Stroke Development session', we will get to know the current status in the UK, we will hear important

experiences from East Europe and we shall know more about the Angels' initiative. Another extended discussion will be held between experts and our industrial partners about how to overcome the difficulties in setting up stroke networks.

We have another session about emergent Innovative new techniques like endovascular shunting and others. This session will include recorded cases and tips & tricks from experts performing these advanced new therapies.

We will also introduce this year a mobile application, which will make the sessions more interactive by having live polls and direct questions to panel.

Another main objective also this year is to extend the discussion times and interactivity between delegates, speakers & panel.

The sessions of the meeting this year will be broadcasted live to expand education and reach of the exceptional scientific content. Our reach this year will reach China through live translation and streaming in Chinese.

### Q2. What have you been doing that is new for the trainees, nurses, and technicians?

Young colleagues and trainees today are the experts and leaders of tomorrow. ESMINT is a leading international society in education and training through various important and well-organized diplomas. We have a very exciting program for trainees, the 'ETMINT Session' in parallel to the main session. The ETMINT group are very active, and we are very proud of their efforts and work and how they created an active solid group also engaged in high quality research work and ideas.

The ESMINT focus in the meeting is not only on physicians, but rather our field. Nurses and technicians are a main part of our teams and have an important evolving attention. We focused this year on the ETMINT parallel program and educational activity. The number of faculty and attendees in this session is increasing each year with a very exciting program this year.

### Q3. What social activities do you have associated for the meeting this year?

ESMINT is a very exciting scientific meeting but at the same time we have this huge luxury that we all love to have fun altogether and to communicate and get to know each other. So beside the annual gala dinner, which is fantastic event on the beach, we also introduced this year, on the second day - in the morning for the early risers, the ESMINT's run! It is open to all attendees of the congress. For the ones who don't like to run! We are also organizing at the same time, a Morning Beach yoga session on the same time!

**Q4: Do you have a final message you would like to share?**

First of all, ESMINT is a leading society in the world – its annual meeting is an awaited event in our specialty and everyone is looking forward to attend! The organization of this meeting is huge, so I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the organization of this year's annual meeting including the vice presidents of the congress, the office, the scientific committee, and the faculty who are very excited to join the meeting and present their advanced scientific work.

Most of all, I would like to thank the members of the ESMINT society, delegates & industrial partners, and everyone who will attend this meeting. The ESMINT society and the ESMINT meeting are successful and active because of our members and delegates and their active participation.

And last, but not at all least, the meeting includes huge collaboration with other big international scientific societies, the EANS and the CV section which we share with them a joint session on the first day of the congress. ESMINT also participates in their annual meeting which is just two days prior to our congress. I invite everyone to attend these two days and also to attend the joint session on the first day of our meeting. We are organizing two sessions with the European Stroke Organization (ESO) with exciting content. We are also having two important sessions with the SNIS, our important partner - we work with them on different levels including publications with JNIS which is the official journal of the ESMINT society. We included this year case-based discussions in these sessions. We are collaborating also as previous years, with the ESMINT award for Best European Publication in JNIS. There will be a session for this prestigious award including the presentation of the awarded work.

So, I thank you all for being part ESMINT meeting and we all cannot wait to meet you in beautiful Nice in the south of France to enjoy the meeting and exchange in this lovely city and weather from the 7th to the 9th of September, thank you so much.