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## **The New European Surgical Academy / NESA Days 2007**

The New European Surgical Academy (NESA) was founded in 2004. Its membership includes leading surgeons, hospitals, professional associations and international organisations in 29 countries. The NESA deals with the re-evaluation and optimisation of surgical procedures as well as with the international transfer of surgical know-how in cooperation with international organisations. NESA's five disciplines are: General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Urology, Otolaryngology, and Anaesthesiology. The president of the academy is the gynecologist Michael Stark, developer of the Misgav Ladach method for caesarean section and the Ten Step Vaginal Hysterectomy.

## **Members**

The NESA counts some leading international surgeons such as Liselotte Mettler (Germany), a leading endoscopist, Farr Nezhad (USA), a creative gynecologist, Svend Schulze (Denmark), President of the Danish Surgical Society, David Sackett (Canada), one of the promoters of evidence based medicine, Vladimir Kulakov (Russia), President of the Russian Gynaecological Association, Ma Yanyan (China), an innovative gynaecologist.

## **Selected projects**

### *Natural orifice surgery / Scarless operations (NOS/SLO)*

The NESA founded the first European based, interdisciplinary working group on NOS/SLO. Its goal is to develop surgical procedures using natural openings and "scarless" operations.

### *Computerised labour monitoring*

With this new cervicometer based on a GPS, the obstetrician can follow up the

delivery without digital examination. It enables him to make decisions based on accurate and real time information, resulting in significantly improved medical care.

## **NESA Days**

The academy organises the yearly NESA Days, an interdisciplinary conference which aims at promoting the exchange of knowledge and stimulating new thinking. The NESA Days 2006 took place in Berlin in January 2006 with participants from 23 countries. Its interdisciplinary concept was very fruitful and resulted in a variety of research projects. **The NESA Days 2007 will take place in Istanbul on September 1-3, 2007.** Abstracts can be submitted online until February 10, 2007.

More information about the conference is available at **[www.nesa-days.com](http://www.nesa-days.com)**

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The academy's website offers information about its members and NESA surgical courses, project descriptions and Power Point presentations of lectures given at the NESA Days 2006. A newsletter keeps members informed about the activities of the academy.