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The first congress of the European Association for Emergency Surgery (EAES) will be held on 17–22 September 1995 in Oslo Norway.

The plenary programme was planned with the intention of providing an overview of the latest knowledge and developments in the field of emergency surgery. The congress will focus on traumatology in particular. As well as the conference programme courses will be held covering topics such as 'training in laparoscopic abdominal surgery' and 'shot gun injuries'.

The deadline date for submission of abstracts is 15 April 1995. For further details and a copy of the preliminary programme please contact: Congress Secretariat, Bennett Reisebureau A/S/, Attention: Eli Rösberg, P O Box 6827, St Olavspl., N-0161 OSLO, Norway.

The Seventh International Conference for the Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy

The above conference will be held on 21–23 September 1995 in Portland, Oregon, USA. The host Chairman will be Dr J. Rosch.

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2. Maslanka A.M. (1993) Hypertension/hypertensive emergencies. In: Markovchick V.J., Pons P.T. & Wolfe

R.E. (eds) *Emergency Medicine Secrets*, pp. 104–107. Hanley & Belfus, Philadelphia.

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