

Report Region 15

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Chapters:

Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Belgium, Ireland, Germany; Israel, Nigeria

Groups:

Great Britain, South Africa

Activities 2016/2017

- Telephone conferences (2)
- Region #15 conference during this congress (protocol available upon request)
- Joint Meeting Munich 3/2017
- Potential of common meetings with region #17
- Involvement in committees, subcommittees, workgroups etc.
- Mentoring of exchange scholars, role model for extension to other region #15 countries

Recommendations

- Make ACS fellowship worthwhile (and worth the money!!!)
- Make ACS annual clinical congress visit affordable
- Create protected time slots at the congress (higher participation rate in e.g. international sessions)
- Recognize potential of region #15 surgeons for visible participation **and integration** at the annual congress
 - Planning of sessions
 - Presentation, invited 1st discussant, (co-)moderation of sessions, panel participation
- Facilitate exchange of residents during training without bureaucratic obstacles