

## **EFORT picks Cooperation offer from Barcelona and Vienna**

The European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) has chosen for the annual congress in 2017 and 2020 Vienna and for 2018 and 2021 Barcelona, The years 2019 and 2022 will be organised in different cities.

Dr. Manuel Cassiano Neves, Past President and Ass. Prof. Dr. Per Kjaersgaard-Andersen, Secretary General, comment on this decision: „This final choice reflects the wish of the EFORT Leadership to streamline the endeavours for a consolidated congress approach. Indeed, the joint promotion of Vienna and Barcelona contributed to this final decision“.

The EFORT congress in Vienna will take place from May 31 – June 2, 2017 at the Messe Wien Congress and Exhibition Center. In Barcelona the venue will be the Fira Gran Via.

Christoph Tessmar, Director Barcelona Convention Bureau: „We started this project back in 2012 and we are proud that the choice to bring EFORT Annual Congress to our city can contribute to some of the strategic goals of the organisation.“

EFORT congresses last 3 full days and approx. 8,000 participants attend the scientific sessions, educational meetings and training courses. It is expected that the congress generates 40.000 overnights.

Christian Mutschlechner, Director Vienna Convention Bureau adds: “The whole process was not only built on the confidence between the EFORT Leadership and our two destinations, but we also developed a very strong partner-and friendship with the EFORT Head Office team. Together with Mr. Adrian Ott, CEO of EFORT and his staff, we are now striving to deliver outstanding services to the EFORT Annual Congresses in our two destinations.“