



European Operating Room Nurses Association

Interview conducted to Aina Hauge, EORNA Secretary



The **10th EORNA Congress** will take place in **Stavanger**, Norway, from **May 27-30, 2021**. Aina Hauge, the Secretary of EORNA, explained in this article the motto chosen for this Congress, and answered a few questions for us about what participants can expect at the congress!

- 1. What is the EORNA 2021 Congress motto and why was it chosen?**
The motto for the congress in Stavanger is "Winds of Change". We chose this theme because there is a constant change in surgical methods with more advanced technology. The practice of General Surgery in Europe has undergone significant evolution over the past 30 years. The Operating Room of the future is an arena for research and development with the operating rooms as workshops designed to develop, test and apply new technology and new treatment modalities. The core activity is research to provide safer and better treatment, a more efficient logistics and flexible architecture in the construction of new operating rooms. Smarter, evidence-based design has the potential to make operating rooms safer for patients and health care personnel alike. This requires our profession to keep up with the development and make sure that our patients have qualified care in operating rooms. New knowledge on how to work evidence based is a great knowledge for all of us to be shared at EORNA congresses.
- 2. In one sentence, how would you describe the atmosphere at a "typical" EORNA Congress for someone who has never been?**
The atmosphere at an EORNA congress is engaging and busy. Learn, explore and exchange your experiences and competencies in collaboration with foreign colleagues as well as the present industry.



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3. **Are there any new features in planning for the scientific program or the congress structure?**

The scientific program is made in cooperation with the scientific committee. We have a challenge in finding good keynote speakers as well from Norway as internationally. At the last congress, there were roundtable discussions within a few topics. There were also “hands on sessions” in the exhibition hall. We hope to develop these concepts further for the next congress.

4. **You were recently on a site-visit this August. What are the facilities like at the Congress Venue and what can participants expect there?**

The Stavanger Forum is one of Norway’s largest conference and exhibition centres. The congress area is very nice and flexible. A perfect venue for an EORNA congress. To get to the exhibition area you have to go outside for a few meters to the next building. There will be plenty of space to everyone that wants to meet our delegates and show their products.