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transregional, national**New DGOU presidents from Magdeburg and Berlin****Change at the top of the German Society for Orthopaedics and Trauma (DGOU)**

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie e.V. (German Society for Orthopaedics and Trauma/DGOU) has new presidents for 2025: Prof. Dr. Christoph H. Lohmann commenced his term as the President of the DGOU on January 1, 2025. He is the Director of the Orthopaedic University Hospital Magdeburg. The deputy DGOU President is Prof. Dr. Ulrich Stöckle, Managing Director of the Centre for Musculoskeletal Surgery Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. Prof. Dr. Dietmar Pennig, former Senior Physician of the Clinic for Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery, Hand Surgery and Orthopaedics at the St. Vinzenz Hospital of the University of Cologne, remains Secretary-General. Prof. Dr. Bernd Kladny, Senior Physician of the Orthopaedic Department at Fachklinik Herzogenaurach, remains Deputy Secretary-General.

In October 2024, the DGOU General Assembly elected Lohmann and Stöckle to head the society for the term of office from January 1 to December 31, 2025. They will also serve as the presidents of their respective organisations in 2025: Lohmann is the President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und Orthopädische Chirurgie e.V. (German Society for Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery/DGOOC). Stöckle is the President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Unfallchirurgie e.V. (German Trauma Society/DGU).

The General-Secretaries, Prof. Dr. Dietmar Pennig and Prof. Dr. Bernd Kladny, the Executive Board, the Board and 20 other committees belonging to the professional society will support the two new Presidents of the DGOU.

**Curricula vitae in brief**

Prof. Dr. Christoph H. Lohmann (57) has held the position of Director of the Orthopaedic University Clinic and Chair of Orthopaedics at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg since 2010. In addition, he has served as Associate Dean for Students' Affairs at the Faculty of Medicine since 2020 and is a founding member of the University Research Centre CHaMP (Center for Health and Medical Prevention).

Lohmann studied human medicine and agricultural sciences at the University of Göttingen, where he also completed his doctorate in 1995. He gained international expertise from 1997 – 1998 during fellowships at the University of Florida and the University of Texas. After completing his training in Göttingen, he began his clinical career in 2001 at the Department for Orthopaedics in Hamburg and was senior physician for endoprosthetics and orthopaedic oncology from 2002 onward. In 2003, he was appointed University Professor C3 at the University of Hamburg, where he was Deputy Director of Orthopaedics. Prior to his appointment in Magdeburg, Lohmann additionally served as the Deputy Director at the Bad Bramstedt Clinic from 2006.

Lohmann is specialized in hip and knee surgery and is involved in developing new prosthesis designs, minimally invasive surgical techniques as well as biomaterial research. He is a member of numerous national and international medical societies and has received multiple awards for his scientific work.

Prof. Dr Ulrich Stöckle (60) has served as the Managing Director of the Centre for Musculoskeletal Surgery at Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin since 2019 and is also the Chair of Trauma Surgery. Prior to this, he was Medical Director of the BGU Clinic in Tübingen for eight years and held the Chair of Trauma Surgery at the Medical Faculty of the University of Tübingen. From 2007 to 2011, he was Head of Trauma Surgery at the Klinikum rechts der Isar at the Technical University of Munich.

He served as the President of AO Trauma Germany from 2019 to 2024 and as President of the Vereinigung Süddeutscher Orthopäden und Unfallchirurgen (VSOU) in 2016.

Stöckle studied human medicine at the Technical University of Munich, where he received his licence to practise medicine in 1992. In 1993 he completed his doctorate. In 1998 he qualified as a specialist in surgery. In 2000 he was awarded the sub-speciality qualification as a specialist for trauma surgery and in 2001 he completed his habilitation. Stöckle completed his specialist training at the Virchow Clinic of the Humboldt University in Berlin with a stay at the Inselspital in Bern. In 2003, he became the deputy director and co-founded the Musculoskeletal Centre (CMSC) at Charité.

Dr. Stöckle is active on the committees of numerous national and international medical associations and professional societies and also works as the editor of several scientific journals. His specialist expertise includes hip, pelvic, and joint surgery, polytrauma, sports traumatology together with minimally invasive surgery. His research focuses on bone healing and implant development.

DKOU 2025: Shaping progress together

Prof. Dr. Lohmann and Prof. Dr. Stöckle are the Presidents of the German Congress of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (DKOU) in 2025. Together with Dr Stefan Middeldorf, Congress President of the Berufsverband für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie (BVOU), they head up Europe's largest congress in this field. The DKOU will take place in Berlin from October 28 – 31, 2025 and attracts more than 8,000 visitors every year.

The theme of the congress is: "Shaping progress together". Healthcare policy faces major changes, particularly as a result of the German hospital reformation. This will lead to greater outpatient treatment as well as the concentration of services in fewer clinics. In turn, this will create the challenge of maintaining the excellent standards of elective surgical procedures and emergency care while also securing their funding. "At the DKOU 2025, we will be assessing the impact on the clinical aspects as well as on science and medical technology," says Lohmann. "We hope that the reforms will ultimately lead to better care for our patients in the field of orthopaedics and trauma surgery. We want to contribute to this - and shape the progress together."

In addition, orthopaedic and trauma surgeons are facing new challenges arising from the immediate political conflicts. "Public services have taken on a whole new meaning in recent years. We have to be prepared to treat more patients with war injuries," says Stöckle. "To achieve this, we need to ensure that sufficient medical knowledge, capacities, and structures are available."

The DKOU provides a platform for discussing current developments and future issues in orthopaedics and trauma surgery as well as the opportunities to develop solutions.

Appointment notice:

28th to 31st October 2025: German Congress for Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery (DKOU)

Online abstract submission for the DKOU: by 15 February 2025

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