

EUROSPINE COUNCILS: MEMBERS – DUTIES – GOALS – ACTION PLAN

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

CHAIR: S. Kahraman supported by C. Ortner

PAST CHAIR: C. Siepe, assisting Chair in EuSSAB matters

MEMBERS:

- P. Becker
- L. Roberts
- E. Samoladas

MAJOR TASKS / KEY GOALS

Major Task: Overall responsibility for all membership related issues

Key Goals:

MemCom:

- 1 Increase and broaden membership pool. Maintain a multidisciplinary membership base as a platform for interdisciplinary exchange
- 2 Ensure / increase attractiveness of EUROSPINE membership within Europe and beyond
- 3 Strategic development of membership benefits to ensure growth of the society's membership pool

EuSSAB:

- 4 Connect spine societies within Europe
- 5 Represent interests of spine surgeons throughout Europe and help achieve common goals as partners, i.e. education across Europe
- 6 Strengthen the political weight and influence of all EuSSAB members

2 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS → DUTY ASSIGNMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1 **Membership Committee (MemCom):** Chair S. Kahraman, Past Chair C. Siepe and MemCom Members P. Becker, L. Roberts and E. Samoladas supported by C. Ortner:
Overall membership growth to 1,080 members (as of October 2016)
- 2 **European Spine Societies Advisory Board (EuSSAB):** Representatives from 27 national spine societies, representing approx. **6,850 associate members / spine specialists** (*excl. members of SGS – Switzerland)

GOALS & ACTIONS 2017

1. Give EuSSAB a meaningful voice and engage in the specific topics of mutual interest
2. Membership Goal: 200 new members in 2017

Introduction of new database management system for membership management

Define Honorary Member category (incl. who and how many can receive honorary membership annually and what will their benefit be)

ACHIEVEMENTS 2016

EuSSAB – exceeded goals:

- Since Oct 2014, 25 Institutional Members and 6,850 Associate Members have joined. EUROSPINE's aim to closely connect and link the various national spine societies throughout Europe by means of EuSSAB proved to be the right approach.
- Transition from an open to a closed member circle
- Solved political issues, e.g. voting rights and representation at ExCom

MemCom – exceeded goals:

Based on extension of membership benefits as well as the continuous success of the 2014 introduced 'Young Member' membership category, the

- Amount of applications per year almost doubled since 2014
- Number of new members per year increased to 207 in 2016
- Age distribution amongst EUROSPINE members is balanced
- Number of countries of origin of EUROSPINE members has increased to 77

Thanks to the updated and ratified internal rules concerning payment reminder timeline and procedure of expulsion, less membership payments are outstanding.