

EUROSPINE Advanced Course January 2017

Collegiality, real-world discussions in spine care and more

'The modules are required for the Advanced Diploma and aim at providing an understanding of advanced spinal pathologies and spinal surgical techniques to more experienced spinal surgeons. As part of the faculty in module 1 (Extended Indications and Advanced Operative Techniques), I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the course participants as well as faculty colleagues. The discussions in small groups were at a high level and many learning points were taken home. The participants and faculty members felt that the courses were a success - I look forward to participating again next year!' - says Dominique Rothenfluh, UK - faculty of the first EUROSPINE Advanced Course.



Quick Facts:

Event title: EUROSPINE Advanced Course 2017

Location: Strasbourg, France

Date: 9-11 January 2017

Number of participants: 51

The EUROSPINE education committee developed the advance course offered to already practicing spine specialists who have completed the European Spine Course Diploma, the DWG Basic Certificate, Turkish Spine Society basic certificate or are already practicing for at least 5 years. Completing the Advanced Course is one step towards an advanced diploma which the EUROSPINE will offer in the very near future.

Event Report:

In the biting cold of the Strasbourg winter, fifty-one experienced and established spine surgeons from 23 countries all over the world attended EUROSPINE's first ever advanced course last 9–11 January 2017. Together with 19 distinguished faculty from Europe and representatives from 5 spine industry partners, the world-renowned IRCAD was a perfect setting for collegial exchange, real-word discussions on issues in spine care and networking.



The programme was delivered with the classic plenary sessions, highly interactive case-based discussions and roundtable discussion between experts, cadaver lab workshop, sawbones / dry lab and simulators workshop.



Delegates and the faculty were very much engaged in the highly interactive case-based discussion format.

One delegate shared “My most favourite moment of the day when Prof. Lamartina had an impromptu audience of keen learners! All summed up in a picture.”

He further said “That is in addition to all the interesting discussions and summarisations conducted by Prof Meyer.”

One delegate especially mentioned how much he enjoyed the debates between the faculty in the roundtable discussions. The practical workshops were very much appreciated by the delegates. The cadaver lab was deemed outstanding with the information, advice and tips from the experts. The simulators from RealSpine were well appreciated, one delegate said “The RealSpine Simulators were awesome. It is a really good opportunity to practise your Motor skills with procedures, that you are not used to. It was also a good opportunity to get in touch with really high level practised surgeons.” During the simulator session, participants were being observed and advised by experts. The sawbone sessions were very helpful for hands-on understanding, one participant remarked “Now I know all the landmarks for sacroiliac screw fixation.”



The 5 industry partners' presence added value to the course. They have supported the cadaver labs, the simulator lab and the sawbone sessions. Aside from that, they have shared their latest innovations to the participants and faculty in very short presentations followed by interactive question and answer session during the industry hour. Neither the participants nor the faculty perceived any bias towards a specific product or company. What transpired however, was a genuine interaction and exchange between all the participants regarding issues in spine care i.e. surgeons, product managers, marketing directors and education specialists.

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One delegate from the United Kingdom sums up his thoughts on the advanced course, "Well put together programs... Well organised...Excellent faculty....Good topics and optimum delivery... Keep it up! Excellent and well done!"

The next Advanced Course with modules on *Extended Indications*, *Advanced Operative Techniques* and *Complications and Management* will be offered from **16–18 October 2017** at the IRCAD in Strasbourg.



Registration is open!

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