

Team EUROSPINE at Wings for Life World Run 2017

On 7 May 2017 155.288 runners started in 111 locations around the world, 23 of them for team EUROSPINE 8 different countries – all at the same time, all for a good cause: to support research to heal spinal cord injury*

Event Title: Wings for Life World Run 2017

Date: 7 May 2017

Location: Global, 111 locations

Organiser: Wings for Life Foundation

Number of Participants: 155.288

Team EUROSPINE Participants: 23

After completing all preparations including weeks and months of training to escape the catcher car, picking up the runners' bag on 6 May 2017, inspecting the start locations, and even fixing a spinal fracture just hours before the run (Clemens Weber) it was time to get ready for the race!

More than 155.000 people, at 111 locations around the world ran for those who can't on 7 May 2017 at 11:00 UTC covering 1.431.183km

The Wings for Life World Run is for everyone to participate, athletes, hobby runners, participants in wheelchairs, runners with baby-strollers, etc. and 100% of the registration fees go to the Wings for Life Foundation to support research to cure spinal cord injuries and eventually give people the chance to walk again.

All participants start at exactly the same time around the world – that means 04:00 in California, USA, 08:00 in Santiago, Chile, 13:00 in all central European locations, 15:00 in UEA, 21:00 in Sydney, Australia, etc.

30 minutes after the runners have started, the so-called catcher car starts chasing them at a speed of 15km/h and gradually increases it's speed until the last runner has been caught. While an actual car



drives in the official starting locations, a virtual car chases the runners using the app. This allows everyone to run as far as he or she can – after 5km, 10km, 50km, or... **the winner was a wheelchair participant from Sweden, who started in Dubai and was only caught after more than 5,5 hours at kilometer 92!**



It was an amazing day, a great race and the spirit of the run was present everywhere!

We are proud that we are able to support this cause with our team EUROSPINE and hope for many more participants next year, so **save the date: 6 May 2018**

***Team EUROSPINE participants:**



Anne Mannion (GB)

Clemens Weber (NO)

Emre Acaroğlu (TR)

Christoph Mehren (GER)

Austria:

- Michael Ogon (EUROSPINE Past President 2016)
- Claudia Ortner (EUROSPINE Office, Membership Relations Manager)
- Conny Schmutzer (EUROSPINE Office, Marketing Communications Manager)
- Felix Degeler
- Barbara Roser
- Nina Weynandt

Germany:

- Christoph Mehren (EUROSPINE Member)

Italy: *Seems like some used the opportunity to run in Milan after GSC*

- Stavros Stavridis (GRE) (EUROSPINE Programme Committee Chair 2017)
- Jan Leitermann (SUI)

Norway:

- Clemens Weber (EUROSPINE Member)

Turkey:

- Haluk Berk (EUROSPINE Past President 2015)
- Emre Acaroğlu (EUROSPINE Programme Committee 2017)
- Emre Ege Acaroğlu

App Run:

- Judith Reichert Schild (SUI) (EUROSPINE Office, Director of Administration)
- Anne Mannion (GB) (EUROSPINE Member)
- Astrid Pinsger-Plank (AUT) (EUROSPINE Member)
- Philipp Becker (AUT) (EUROSPINE Member)
- Dimitrios Nikolaidis (GRE)
- Hasan Kamil Sucu (TUR)
- Ismail Safa Satoğlu (TUR)
- Lionel Schild (SUI)

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