

## WFNS 2017: XVI World Congress of Neurosurgery

**Event Title:** XVI World Congress of Neurosurgery

**Date:** 20-25 August 2017

**Location:** Istanbul, Turkey

**Organising Society:** WFNS, World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies

**Number of Participants:** Congress 2,000+, EUROSPINE Luncheon Symposium 200+

**EUROSPINE Representatives:** S Kahraman, E Kaptanoglu, S Sirin



The EUROSPINE Luncheon Symposium with the title 'Advances in Metastatic Spine Tumours' was held during WFNS Congress on August 23 2017.

As organiser, moderator and speaker at the EUROSPINE Luncheon Symposium, I had a great impression of the symposium. We had more than 200 attendees, which made the EUROSPINE Luncheon Symposium one of the most successful satellite meetings of the WFNS 2017 Congress.

The overall attendance of the congress was more than 2,000 people from all over the world which was less than expected. Before the symposium officially started, the introduction of EUROSPINE and the Annual Meeting 2017 in Dublin, Ireland had been presented promotionally by using congress brochures. As usual for EUROSPINE symposia, the faculty including Erkan Kaptanoglu, Sait Sirin and myself Serdar Kahraman, represented EUROSPINE well and engaged the audience in a scientific discussion during the session. The topic of the symposium (Metastatic Spine Tumours) and the contents drew great attention and the discussion session was intense.

In conclusion, as a part of this big event, the EUROSPINE symposium was a success and a good opportunity regarding the presentation of EUROSPINE to the participants from all over the world. The social atmosphere of the event was very friendly and we got many questions about EUROSPINE membership after the symposium. Therefore, I think that we may be having new membership applications thanks to the high academic level of the symposium. In my opinion, EUROSPINE should attend similar kind of events by organising satellite meetings to promote the society and increase interest in membership.

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