

**CAOS-EUROSPINE Degenerative Disease of Spine and Spinal Trauma Course**  
*19-20 October 2017, Wuhan, China*

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**Date:** 19-20 October 2017

**Location:** Wuhan, China

**Organising Society:** CAOS – Chinese Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

**Number of Participants:** 30 delegates onsite (+ live stream of the event)

**EUROSPINE Representatives:** Thomas Blattert, Joerg Franke, Bernhard Meyer, Philip Sell



EUROSPINE collaborated with the Chinese Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons in a two day live educational event in Wuhan, China. The trauma module (module 4) and the degenerative module (module 2) were delivered by a combined faculty from Europe and China. The Chinese faculty was Professor Yan Wang, Professor Yong Hai, Professor Fang Li, Professor Feng Li, Professor Yu Liang, Professor Baoge Liu, and Professor Yong Qiu. The EUROSPINE faculty was Professor Bernhard Meyer, Doctor Joerg Franke, Professor Thomas Blattert and Mr Philip Sell.

This was a continuation of the delivery of the European spine education programme that began with module 1 in Xi’an, China in October 2016.

Wuhan has a population of over 11 million. It lies intersection of the middle reaches of the Yangtze and Han rivers. It is a major transportation hub in central China.



The language for the classroom components of modules was English. There were around 30 delegates at the event with live streaming to a further 300. Case based discussion built upon the interactive lectures. The cadaveric workshops were taught in Chinese with the European faculty acting as moderators and facilitating questions. Live streaming of the workshops reached out to 4000 delegates. The perception was one of eager learning and active sharing of ideas and technology.

The teaching venue was at the spanking new Sino-French New City Branch, Tongji Medical College Huazhong University of Science and Technology. Designed by Germans in keeping with the European and Chinese ethic of collaboration.

The hosts were magnificent with their hospitality. Thomas and Philip enjoyed a morning of sightseeing at the famous Yellow Crane Tower built in 223, and rebuilt many times since. The fabulous banquets of our generous hosts ensured there was no thirst or hunger, and we were treated as VIP's at the Chinese Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons dinner on our final night.

While we were there, the week long Communist Party Congress occurred in Beijing. Important health and medical initiatives were announced by President Xi Jinping in the five-year plan. The western media found news worthy the focus areas of innovation, balancing, greening, opening-up and



sharing, which are all exciting. The importance for the health community is the priority to change the poor conversion of academic research into practical application. Evidence based medicine founded on research and a greater emphasis on rehabilitation and provision for the disabled closely allies with the goals of EUROSPINE. The good practice of medicine overcomes political obstacles and this fruitful collaboration between spine surgery in China and Europe can only be for the occupants of this planet.

**Philip Sell & Thomas Blattert**  
EUROSPINE Representatives