EUROSPINE Research Symposium at 7th Annual Meeting of the Egyptian Spine Association (ESA) and 11th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Cervical Spine Society (APCSS)

Event Title: EUROSPINE Research Symposium
Date: 9 November 2017
Location: Cairo, Egypt
Organising Society: Egyptian Spine Association (ESA) and Asia Pacific Cervical Spine Society (APCSS)
Number of Participants: around 50 persons (approximately half of the general attendance)
EUROSPINE Representatives: Rachid Salmi (EUROSPINE TFR Research Course Director) & EUROSPINE Members: Ahmed Shawky, Nasir Quraishi

Rachid Salmi: Clinical research on spine disorders: what should you read and what should you publish?
Nasir Quraishi: How to make you research relevant for clinical practice
Ahmed Shawky: Opportunities for training and funding research in Egypt
Rachid Salmi: Opportunities for training and funding at EUROSPINE

The objective of the Symposium, a parallel two-hour session during the meeting, was to sensitize surgeons to the importance of research on spinal disorders and provide information on EUROSPINE activities in terms of support for research (training and funding). The symposium had two parts:

1) Clinical research on spine disorders: What should you read and what should you publish? How to make your research relevant for clinical practice? and
2) Opportunities for training and funding in Egypt, and at EUROSPINE.
There were several questions, during the Symposium, and more exchanges with various representatives of local associations, during breaks; limits of current local research and needs for specific courses were discussed. Besides the promotional slides of EUROSPINE shown during our presentation, EUROSPINE was clearly shown on large posters on each side of the screen, in both the plenary session room and parallel session rooms. The needs for training for research are huge. I started discussing these with the TFR faculty and we might make proposals for short courses adapted to similar settings.

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