EuSSAB
- European Spine Societies Advisory Board –

Meeting Barcelona, Spain
EUROSPINE Spring Meeting
24.04.2015
• Welcome to EuSSAB Participants
  Haluk Berk, President

• Goals / Tasks / Perspectives
  Phil Sell, Past President

• EuSSAB Kick-Of Meeting and Summary from Lyon

• Latest EuSSAB Developments
  Christoph Siepe
  (Chairman MemCom)

• Overview: Education across Europe
  Jörg Franke
  (Chairman EduCom)
Agenda

- Establish the societies which are eligible for EuSSAB
- Define the democratic process for EuSABB
- How to ensure optimal interaction between EuSSAB and EUROSPINE Executive Committee

*Overview: Education across Europe (PD Dr.med. Jörg Franke)*

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- A collaborative approach to multidisciplinary spine education
- A spine curriculum for spine surgeons in training
- Spine registers
- Medical indemnity insurance (*tremendous variation across Europe and speciality*)
- European working time directive and spine training
- Setting critical standards of care for specific disorders
Link People (n=36)
EuSSAB Attendance (Lyon)

- 26 societies
- 21 countries

Map showing locations in Europe with red pins.
26 societies
21 countries

1st pan European Meeting of National Spine Societies
EuSSAB = European Spine Societies Advisory Board
EuSSAB Meeting Protocol

Thursday, 2nd October 2014
EUROSPINE 2014 – Lyon, France
Definitions and Terms

- National spine societies join EuSSAB under EUROSPINE as “Institutional Members”
- Joining as Institutional Member will automatically make all of its members “Associate Members” of EUROSPINE
- National spine societies invited to connect and meet on a regular basis under one common umbrella and communication platform (EuSSAB)
Rationale and Commitment of EuSSAB

- EUROSPINE does not intend to become a professional body over national / specialist spine societies.
- Intended to be a symbiotic and mutual ‘win-win’ relationship between EUROSPINE and all of its allied national / specialist spine societies.
- The members of EuSSAB will define common goals, challenges and strategies in order to solve them as equal partners
  - Responsibility is transferred to Institutional Members
  - EUROSPINE provides platform (EuSSAB)
Potential / Opportunities

- Potential to unite several thousand associate members throughout Europe under one common umbrella.

- Strengthen the political weight and influence of all EuSSAB members.

- Potential to unify processes throughout Europe
  - i.e. for a common and homogenous educational program
  - Strengthen spine surgeons position on an international political scale

- Counterweight the position of other global spine societies.
´Rules of the Game´

- Associate members will not be contacted directly by EUROSPINE
- Communication between EUROSPINE and its associate members via Institutional Societies
- Institutional membership Associate Membership free of charge
- Associate Members will receive certain advantages such as e-newsletters, annual reports, access to webcasts, benefit from large networking platforms / alliances etc.
## Membership Benefits

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13 Institut. Members
4105 Assoc. Members

EuSSAB Members -24.04.2015-
Please update contact details
## Status EuSSAB

### - Societies & member numbers -

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Institutional Membership - confirmed
Institutional Membership – still pending

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**Total Affiliates:** 4105

**Total Potential:** 800
Establish the societies which are eligible for EuSSAB

We have set basic entry criteria

- a National Spine Society can be at EuSSAB
- they should ideally have a democratic process
- be multidisciplinary

- Institutional Members / EuSSAB Board vote on additional applications
- Limit No. of Societies / country ?
- Exclude Societies that have not signed up for EuSSAB ?
Define the democratic process for EuSSAB

i.e. voting right: Should voting within EuSSAB be done

- By Society
- By Country
- By Number of Members?
- Majority?
- On a proportional basis?
How to ensure optimal interaction between EuSSAB and EUROSPINE Executive Committee

- Representation of Societies at EuSSAB Meetings
  - By Presidents?
  - By National EuSSAB Representatives?

- i.e. potential participation of EuSSAB representative in relevant agenda points of ExCom meetings

*Defining one EuSSAB Representative at EUROSPINE ExCom*
Overview: Education across Europe

Jörg Franke
- EduCom -
GOALS:

- To foster excellence in spinal care by sharing knowledge and by offering and implementing education, research and quality assessment programs
- Ultimate goal is a European Spine Diploma.
- A commonly agreed “core curriculum” is an absolute must across Europe

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- EduCom has evaluated and aligned with other European existing curriculum and identified the most important Learning Outcomes for young spine specialists.
  - Learning Outcomes:
    - What the trainee MUST know at Level (Basic Core) European Spine Course Diploma (ESCD)
    - What the trainee MUST know per Module
    - What the trainee MUST know per lecture
TEACHING TO LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Each lecture has defined and specific points that must be covered
- Faculty are free to adapt presentations around Learning Outcomes by using various teaching techniques (Lecture, Case Discussion, Small Group etc.)
- At the end of the lecture, it must be clear what each delegate has learned from the lecture

EVALUATION & QUALITY:

- To maintain quality, the Learning Outcomes must be at the CORE of each lecture.
- Faculty on each Module know the Learning Outcomes for each lecture and therefore avoid overlap in content
- Quality must be maintained in order to keep content consistent regardless of faculty, language etc.
- Evaluation critical component to maintain integrity.
Education Overview @ EUROSPINE

**European Spine Course Diploma**
- Module 1: The Basic Comprehensive Course
- Module 2: Degenerative Diseases of the Spine
- Module 3: Trauma
- Module 4: Spinal Deformities
- Module 5: Tumors and Inflammatory Diseases of the Spine

**Advanced Diploma**
- Extended Indications & Advanced Operative Techniques
- Revisions & Complications
- Fellowship
- Post Graduate Training
ESCD: Diploma Equivalence

What Is Diploma Equivalence & Why is it important?

• Parallel programs with shared Learning Outcomes
• “In & Out” Concept
• European Certificate is the GOAL.

ESCD diploma equivalence to countries meeting quality criteria

• Countries must show that they have presented all Learning Outcomes to meet the criteria for Diploma Equivalence.
• Pilot: Germany, Turkey & France (first countries selected due to strong existing curricula)
  – Q3/Q4 2015 development
  – 2016 Launch of the program
• Any European National curricula with shared Learning Outcomes will be eligible for Diploma Equivalence
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Organisational Tasks:

- Please Update Contact information
- Upcoming EuSSAB Meeting:
  - Friday, 04´th of September, Copenhagen
- How much time to allocate for meeting?
- List of topics for upcoming events
- Meeting protocol (BCN) to be distributed shortly
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Topics on Agenda

Open Discussion