

Education Week 2017

A Heatwave, a Music Festival, Surgeons and Critical Appraisal of Literature

Date: 19-23 June 2017

Location: Strasbourg, France

Number of Participants: 101

101 surgeons representing 22 countries attended EUROSPINE's Education Week, courageously resisting a heatwave and the enticing and very tempting Summer Music Festival which took root in the heart of Strasbourg this June.

This year's Education Week was a success, thanks to the 41 renowned and dedicated faculty members, to IRCAD's very professional staff and to the support of our industry partners, Cerapedics, Medtronic, Nuvasive, Safe Orthopaedics, Spineart and Zimmer. All sessions were fully booked and a waiting list had to be organised to accommodate the high demand.



For the very first time, a research component was added to the Education Week as 30 delegates were given the opportunity to also attend the *Critical Appraisal of the Spine Literature* course given by world-class leaders in research.

The ***Critical Appraisal of the Spine Literature*** course introduces basic study designs and discusses the main threats to the validity of clinical studies. During a workshop, participants were required to critically appraise a published paper using a standardised critical appraisal tool and were asked to identify the main threats to its validity. A surgeon from Spain reported that it was "*Great to have the vision of researchers and not surgeons about how to read a paper*" and another participant added that the Critical Appraisal Course was "*A modern course with good interaction and wonderful presentations*."

As for the **5 Diploma Course modules** themselves, case discussions, Question & Answer sessions as well as practical workshops in the Cadaver Laboratory were an integral part of the programme this year again to guarantee a high level of interactivity.

A participant from Indonesia wished to thank all faculty for being very open minded, for listening to the audience and added: "*And the interactive discussions are so much fun!*". Another participant remarked that "*Case discussions were very interesting, especially considering that some countries differ in protocols*"





The practical workshops at the Cadaver Laboratory were also very much appreciated by the learners and many participants asked for either additional or longer hands-on workshops to be added in future courses. The workshops do not only allow for hands-on practice, but also allow for interaction in smaller group with faculty members and colleagues.

To further encourage participants to get to know each other and faculty members, a Networking Dinner was organised, at the Brasserie Les Haras, a design award-winning restaurant located in the Petite France area of Strasbourg. This was another first and the 50 attendees made the most of this opportunity to network, discuss and exchange in a truly unique environment.

We wish to congratulate the participants who were awarded the EUROSPINE Diploma this year. **The 2017 EUROSPINE diplomates** are now eligible to obtain the EUROSPINE Advanced Diploma through participating in the **Advanced Course** which will take place **16-18 October 2017** at the IRCAD in Strasbourg. Two modules are available during the Advanced Course: Module one will focus on *Extended Indications* and *Advanced Operative Techniques* whereas module 2 will look at *Revision & Complications Management*. To obtain additional information regarding the Advanced Course or to register, please check [here](#).



If you are not yet familiar with the Education Week, it consists of 5 modules, to be completed in order to obtain the EUROSPINE Diploma. The modules cover the basics in degenerative diseases of the spine, spinal deformities, trauma, tumours and inflammatory diseases.

The next **Education Week** will take place on **18-22 June 2018** at the IRCAD in Strasbourg. Registrations will be open in September 2017 and will be advertised in our newsletter.

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