

EduWeek 2019: New City, Venue, App and Launch of the Interprofessional Diploma Courses!

The EduWeek was under the sign of novelty this year with many exciting developments.

For the first time ever, the EduWeek took place at the new SFITS facility (Swiss Foundation for Innovation and Training in Surgery) and nearby CMU (University Medical Centre) in Geneva, Switzerland. A course app providing participants and faculty with interactive means to participate in the EduWeek was also launched this year.

In addition to these novelties, four of the overall seven EDISC modules (EUROSPINE Diploma in Interprofessional Spine Care) were introduced during the 2019 EduWeek, with participation from a wide range of professionals from various backgrounds, including surgeons, physiotherapists, chiropractors, osteopath and other health care practitioners involved in the treatment of spine disorders.

During the EDISC modules, workshops, Q&A sessions with the app and group discussions ensured learners would fully engage in the course.



During the surgical modules, practical workshops in the cadaver laboratory and on simulators were a central part of the education. The new course app voting system was introduced during some of the sessions to further enhance the interactive components of the modules. Participants taking part in the cadaver laboratory were impressed with the SFITS facility and greatly appreciated the hands-on workshops.

During all modules, participants and faculty had the opportunity to discuss, debate, reflect and share their personal experience.

Thanks to the 67 renowned and dedicated faculty members and to highly professional staff from SFITS, CMU, Porta Mundi, HUG catering and APACE, this year's EduWeek was a success. Our deepest thanks go to our partners (Cerapecics, Medtronic, NuVasive, Seaspine and Spineart) without whose support this would not have been possible.

Overall, 158 participants representing 31 countries worldwide attended EUROSPINE EduWeek, some of them attending up to four modules throughout the week.

The most represented countries were Switzerland ($n=24$), Germany ($n=23$), United Kingdom ($n=14$), France ($n=13$) and Denmark ($n=11$). Other European countries as well as Asia, North and South America, the Middle East and Africa were also represented.



A participant told us about the expert opinion sessions he took part in:

“Interesting and difficult cases discussed with experts and with other participants. New points of view about medical management and pathological issues that need to be resolved on urgent or regular basis. Regarding experts’ opinion, it was really very important due to their large experience in spine cases”

Regarding the interactive sessions of the modules, other participants commented that:

“Excellent discussions with friendly interaction with all speakers and moderators”

“The interactive parts were very good, observing and being forced to "roll-play" was really interesting and helpful”

Other enthusiastic participants commented:

“I think it was so useful for me. I am so thankful to the EUROSPINE whole team. The whole performance of the whole team is just superb.”

“The session with specimens was very educational. I was able to achieve my learning objective.”



On Wednesday evening, a local wine and cheese tasting took place on the rooftop of the Geneva University Hospital (HUG). During this event, participants and faculty had time to network and further exchange, while admiring the magnificent view of the city, surrounding mountains and of course the Geneva Lake and its fountain.

We wish to congratulate the participants who were awarded the EUROSPINE Diploma this year. The 2019 EUROSPINE diplomates are now eligible to obtain the [EUROSPINE Advanced Diploma](#) once they will have completed the two advanced modules and obtained validation by EUROSPINE of their 6-months fellowship.

The next EduWeek will take place from 29 June to 3 July 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland. Registrations for 2020 EduWeek is expected to open at our Annual Meeting in Helsinki and will be advertised in our newsletter! Also, please note our upcoming Hybrid EduWeek, a blended learning course combining eLearning and face-to-face meeting (Geneva, Switzerland, 18–20 November 2019). A few seats are still available!

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