

THE SPIN

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WRITING COMPETITION FOR PATIENT LINE

Calling all EUROSPINE members, and particularly new or 'young' members - win a free entry to EUROSPINE 2016 in Berlin!

hPatient Line is undergoing a re-engineering process. We are seeking up to date, reassuring, and even challenging items. They should be important issues to you that would be of interest and relevance to patients and carers viewing the new website. It could be personal and emotional, how a spinal patient 'touched' you as a doctor. It could be on the difficult decisions you sometimes make. It could be about how you separate effective new technology from the in-effective. Be imaginative!

We invite you to submit a short piece in English (500 words

maximum, without references, which are optional) about any topic that you think patients would like to know about. All submissions must be evidence-based and up to date, but we also welcome content about historical events, providing they are still relevant to practice today.

The deadline for submissions is 1 September 2015, 12 noon, CEST. Please submit your proposal to info@eurospine.org

Subject to patient line committee scrutiny, entries might be published on Patient Line.

The three winners will receive free registration for EUROSPINE 2016 (5-7 October/ Berlin, Germany).

EUROSPINE WAY FORWARD STRATEGY

I am here with Björn Rydevik who is the new research council chair for EUROSPINE at the 2015 meeting at Copenhagen. Björn, it is a pleasure to meet you and be here with you. What is your background?

I am orthopaedic surgeon and I am professor of orthopaedics at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. My main focus has always been clinical aspects of spinal disorders, in particular, degenerative spinal disorders of various types. Research-wise I have been running a line of research basic science oriented toward mechanisms spinal pain, disc degeneration, spinal disc herniation and so forth.

What has been your previous involvement with EUROSPINE?

I have been a member of EUROSPINE since its beginning when the society was formed and I was privileged and happy to serve as the local host for the EUROSPINE meeting in Gothenburg in 2001. In addition I have been a member of the task force on research for years.

With all your experience in the task force on research and your past involvement in EUROSPINE - What are your goals in your new position as research council chair?

First of all, I would like to acknowledge all the achievements that have been made by the previous task force under the leadership of Margareta Nordin and of course I would like to continue to build on those achievements and the platform which she and the task force created. I see the courses of various types as very important and as something that could hopefully help to define the role of research in promoting the development of quality of spinal healthcare. This is one issue - another aspect of the work by the research council is clinical work and research related to the international spine registry "Spine Tango". The established collaboration between Spine Tango and the national spine registries is marvellous and we are still exploring new ways for cooperation in order to improve the overall quality of spinal healthcare.

Research is certainly a top priority at EUROSPINE and we look forward to the further development of the research council.

Thank you very much for your time.



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

08:30 - 10:00 Growing spine
Room: Plenary hall
Chairs: Martin Gehrcen, Copenhagen, Denmark; Acke Ohlin, Malmö, Sweden

10:30 - 12:00 The 'Best of Show' papers - the highest scored abstract submissions

The 2015 Best Podium Award will be evaluated out of the seven presentation of this session. The audience is asked to vote via the EUROSPINE App!
Room: Plenary hall
Chairs: Margareta Nordin, Romorantin, France; Phil J Sell, Leicester, UK

12:00 - 14:00 EUROSPINE Lunch Symposia EUROSPINE Lunch Symposium 5: Adjacent Segment Disease - Facts and Myths

Room: Auditorium 11
Chair: Klaus J. Schnake, Fürth, Germany

EUROSPINE Lunch Symposium 6: The raise and fall of new technologies

Room: Auditorium 12
Chair: Philip Sell, Leicester, UK

14:00 - 15:20 QuickFires - concurrent sessions Basic science

Chairs: Karin Würtz-Kozak, Zurich, Switzerland; Cornelia Neidlinger-Wilke, Ulm, Germany

Cervical spine

Chairs: Serdar Kahraman, Istanbul, TR; Emre Acaroglu, Ankara, Turkey

Thoraco-lumbar spine, degenerative

Chairs: Jörg Franke, Dortmund, Germany; Martin Repko, Brno, Czech Republic

Growing spine

Chairs: Thomas Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark; Hossein Mehdian, Nottingham, UK

Trauma, tumour

Chairs: Marco Teli, Milan, Italy; Thomas Zweig, Langenthal, Switzerland

New techniques, imaging, patient safety, infection, complications

Chairs: Dominique Rothenfluh, Nottingham, UK; Christoph Siepe, Munich, Germany

15:50 - 17:30 New techniques, imaging, patient safety, infection, complications

Room: Plenary Hall
Chairs: Cédric Barry, Lyon, France; Yann-Philippe Charles, Strasbourg, France



AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM

How to participate in interactive votings

- Download and start the app:** All versions are available at <http://app.eurospine.org>. The app will automatically download the latest data on its first launch.
- Select ARS from the main**

- menu:** To participate in interactive votings, you need an internet connection (WiFi). If your WiFi is not working, the app will switch to voting via text messages (roaming costs may apply)
- Select the voting session:** Please select the session on which you intend to vote.
 - Vote:** When the speaker asks

you to vote, please choose the proper button according to the instructions shown on the screen. The time to vote is limited for each question.

