

# THE SPINE TIMES

## EUROSPINE Congress Newspaper 2015



### EUROSPINE WAY FORWARD STRATEGY – ON TRACK FOR THE FUTURE

I am here with Stavros Stavridis who is the incoming chair of the program committee of the EUROSPINE 2015 annual meeting in Copenhagen. Stavros, it is a pleasure to be here with you. You are the new Chair of the program committee. Maybe tell us a little bit about yourself and the previous involvement with EUROSPINE?

Thank you very much, I am really glad to be here and honored to be responsible for the program committee. I am an orthopedic spine surgeon from Greece. I first became member of EUROSPINE in 2012 and in 2014 I became member of the program committee. I enjoy working in this committee especially since we constantly try to improve the quality of our programs. Let me first thank the chairman of the committee Prof. Thomas Blattert and all the members who have all worked very well together so far to create great programs.

We were obviously all already very much involved in the abstract reviewing process this year and the scientific programme, how do you like the scientific programme?

Let me first talk a little bit

about the reviewing processes this year. We had almost 950 abstracts submitted. This was a huge amount of work so it is the most important aspect to make sure that we have a high quality reviewing process so that the truly best abstracts pass and that they are presented at the meeting in order to ensure the high quality of our meeting.

I think we have made some important steps during the last years and now I think we have a solid basis for reviewing, but there is always still place for further small steps for advancement, there are things to improve, things that you can fine-tune, some things of the process and if we take into consideration in the coming years, we expect to have more than 1000 abstracts if this trend goes on. I think we have hard work would be able to guarantee a high quality programme also for the coming meetings, starting with Berlin 2016.

There will be a lot of work ahead of you. Do you have any specific goals during your term as the chair of the programme committee?

Yes, this year there were some new categories introduced. We

really had 200 submissions for this new category “new techniques” and “patient safety”. These categories will remain in the future and I think they will gain more popularity, achieving even more submissions. What is also important is that we have the spring specialty meeting, which will take place in Kraków, Poland, this coming May, dealing with spinal cord injuries and spinal trauma and I think it is also important for our committee to try very hard every year to improve this relatively new meeting.

We wish you good luck for your new position, thank you for your time.

Thank you very much



### WELCOME THE NEWLY ELECTED EXCOM OFFICERS

Margareta Nordin, Vice-President  
Thomas Blattert, Secretary  
Björn Rydevik, Research Council Chair  
Stavros Stavridis, Meeting Council Chair

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### Future Events

Advanced Spine Course in collaboration with EANS Part 1: 6-8 September 2015 Innsbruck, Austria Part 2: 2016, Dates and venue tba	Education Week 2015 25-29 October 2015 Strasbourg, France
2 Advanced Modules 2016 Dates to be announced Strasbourg, France	TFR How to Read & Interpret a Scientific Paper 2015 (in French) 10 December 2015 Ivry-sur-Seine, France
3rd Spring Specialty Meeting 2016 12-13 May 2016 Krakow, Poland	TFR Research Course 2016 7-11 March 2016 Milan, Italy
TFR Basic Biomechanics & Biomechanical Methods for Experimental Research of the Musculoskeletal System 2016 19-22 July 2016 Ulm, Germany	Education Week 2016 13-17 June 2016 Strasbourg, France
TFR Research Course 2017 Dates to be announced Izmir, Turkey	EUROSPINE 2016 5-7 October 2016 Berlin, Germany
TFR Research Course 2018 Dates to be announced Munich, Germany	EUROSPINE 2017 11-13 October 2017 Dublin, Ireland

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