FUNDAMENTALS OF CLINICAL RESEARCH: LEARNING TO DESIGN MY OWN CLINICAL STUDIES

... was the title of the first course organized by the Task Force Research and EuroSpine. It took place 27 February - 2 March 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Twenty-two course participants from nine countries came together for five intense working days. They were in best hands faculty-wise: the core faculty and guest faculty made sure to cater for a lot of brain food.

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In return for the hard work, the welcome reception and the farewell dinner were arranged. Not only did they offer culinary highlights of the Turkish cuisine but were also the perfect opportunity for gathering and networking, seeing old and making new friends.

Overall, the course was very well received. Teaching quality reached a high level, 80% of participants were very satisfied with the pedagogic competence of the faculty. A mix between lectures and working in small groups of 3-4 participants was appreciated and enhanced the overall learning effect.

The good news: The course will be continued! Stay tuned for updates on www.eurospine.org/ResearchCourse

TFR Course 2013
Save the Date: March 4-8
RESULTS OF THE COURSE EVALUATION
... certainly underpin the success of the course

1. Did you have sufficient previous knowledge in the field to be able to benefit from the course?

2. Do you consider that the aims of the course were fulfilled?

3. Are you satisfied with the format of the course, i.e. lectures vs practicals?

4. Are you satisfied with the pedagogic competence of the teachers?

5. Were you satisfied working smaller groups?

6. Did you find the readings relevant to the content of the course?

7. Do you have a better understanding for the different types of study design?

8. Was the contents of the course well adapted to its length?
A SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS’ COMMENTS
... reflects the positive acknowledgement

“First of all, I’d like to thank to all. The course was useful and productive for me. It is well designed and well addressed to course topics. More exercise could be added and solved together in the lecture.”

“The faculty was well experienced and the way that they teach was perfect. I am very glad attending this course. As a researcher, I believe that all the information will be very useful for my career and following researches.”

“Nothing to say for such comprehensive evidence based research course, which has recently no present alternatives around the world.”

“Very cost effective course indeed.”
Greetings from Istanbul...

TFR Class of 2012

PICTURES
... sometimes say more than words