Team EUROSPINE at Wings for Life World Run 2018

Over 100,000 registered runners and wheelchair participants at more than 200 locations across 66 countries covered 934,484 km globally on Sunday in the fifth annual Wings for Life World Run charity event to raise funds for spinal cord injury research. One hundred percent of entry fees and donations raised in the Wings for Life World Run – over €3,000,000 in the 2018 edition alone – goes to leading-edge research funded by the nonprofit Wings for Life foundation.

Quick Facts:
- Event title: Wings for Life World Run 2018
- Location: Global
- Date: 6 May 2018
- Organiser: Wings for Life Foundation
- Number of Participants: 100,000+
- Team EUROSPINE participants: 34

#TeamEUROSPINE entered the race with 34 members (+10 compared to 2017) and was able to run 395km which is twice as much as last year!
Hats off to Christoph Siepe and his colleague Christoph Mehren in Munich who both did amazing 27km each, followed by Lukas Panzenböck (EUROSPINE member in Vienna) with 23 km and Martin Misch with 21 km from the Peter Vajkoczy team in Berlin. Claudia Ortner, Judith Reichert and Julie Lyn Noel represented the office team and mobilised children, husbands, siblings and friends. We even got supported by the PCO.

For the 1st time this year we had set a fundrasing goal of €1,000 which we then surpassed by 80% thanks to additional donations from Everard Munting, Julie-Lyn Noel, Claudia Ortner, Björn Mittelbach and Anna Faber. This eventually made EUROSPINE Bronze Supporter. Having team shirts to give the team a face despite the fact that we were not running in the same location was also a first and appreciated by everyone.

Being part of this worldwide event helps to enhance the drumbeat on our social media channels and thus increases our visibility.
Moreover, it is a big step towards creating a EUROSPINE runners’ community that will turn our future EUROSPINE Foundation Charity Runs into a success!

We sure hope for more support next year. Therefore, please save the date: 5 May 2019!

It was an amazing day, a great race and the spirit of the run was present everywhere!