Statement on Russian/Belarusian delegates and abstract submission at EUROSPINE 2023

On behalf of the EUROSPINE Programme Committee, we regret to inform you that a decision has been taken by the EUROSPINE Executive Committee to formally withdraw all abstract submissions as well as all registrations for the EUROSPINE Annual Meeting 2023 from citizens of Russia and Belarus.

Since the outbreak of hostilities by Russia against Ukraine in late February 2022, the situation has significantly deteriorated, causing immeasurable destruction and suffering, with dire global implications of a humanitarian crisis that is now beginning to spread across the globe.

We believe that in the current political and humanitarian climate, the presence of Russian and Belarusian participants is totally incompatible with the growing pressure from the international and institutional community and the efforts to impose sanctions and adopt measures aimed at isolating and ostracising Russia for its shocking military aggression. For this reason, EUROSPINE continues to seek and find ways to send a very strong signal of support and solidarity with global efforts to protect and safeguard the innocent civilians and refugees of Ukraine.

We hope that you share our view that we should all strive for a lasting and sustainable peace once the hostilities have ended, and that we can eventually resume our scientific and academic pursuits together.

Yours sincerely,

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