

Role:	Education Committee Chair	Education Committee Members
Reporting to:	Executive Committee	Education Committee Chair
Term:	Single term of three years	
From:	1 November	
To:	31 October	
Staff support:	Director of Education and Research, Education and Research Manager	
Officer roles	Confirmed last 31 August 2023 subject to adjustments/changes with subsequent meetings	

Current Committee Members				
First Name	Last Name	Specific role (if any)	Country	Mandate
Paulo	Coutinho	eLearning/Spine hub	Portugal	2022-2025
Stacey	Darwish	eLearning/Spine hub	UK	2022-2025
Bertrand	Debono	EduWeek development	France	2022-2025
Maximo Alberto	Diez-Ulloa	Diploma Equivalence	Spain	2022-2025
Mazda	Farshad	Fellowship validation and observerships	Switzerland	2023 - 2026
Tamás	Fekete	Webinar sponsoring	Switzerland	2021-2024
Stéphane	Genevay	EDISC Liaison	Switzerland	2022-2025
Ilkka	Helenius	Webinar programme	Finland	2021-2024
Jean-Charles	Le Huec	Fellowship validation and observerships	France	2022-2025
Baoge	Liu	Beyond EU development / China EduWeeks i.e. virtual	China	2021-2024
Paulo	Pereira	Chair New EduWeek sites	Portugal	2021-2025
Florian	Ringel	Fellowship validation and observerships	Germany	2022-2025
Chrishan	Thakar	Webinar programme	United Kingdom	2022-2025
Julie-Lyn	Noel	Director of Education and Research	Switzerland	ongoing
Angelika	Salmen	Education and Research Manager	Germany	ongoing

EduCom CHAIR	EduCom ALL
Responsibilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an active member of the Executive Committee • Lead the Education Committee • Develop goals and objectives for the education activities • Develop and implement strategies to achieve the set goals and objectives • Ensure succession planning • Define task distribution among committee members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement EUROSPINE guidelines and policies • Ensure usage of EUROSPINE brand is correctly managed at all times • Ensure appropriate and timely communication with EUROSPINE staff
Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a commitment to the EUROSPINE mission, vision and goals (strategic plan) • Have a strong interest in working on the advancement of the Society • Understand the needs of our institutional and associate members and stakeholders • Represent the membership at large, not a particular interest group • Understand the need to base decisions on what is good for the Society • Willing and committed to devote the necessary time to EUROSPINE • Highly motivated • Fluent English 	
Eligibility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROSPINE standard/premium/fellow member in good standing • Former member of the EduCom • From 2024, will serve in Chair elect position. • Candidates apply directly with the EUROSPINE nomination committee with requirements such as CV, motivation letter, recommendation letters and declared conflicts of interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROSPINE standard/premium/fellow member in good standing • Past experience and strong interest in education • Candidates apply directly with the EUROSPINE nomination committee with requirements such as CV, motivation letter, recommendation letters and declared conflicts of interest.
Duties	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the EUROSPINE leadership in fostering education in the spine care community and participate actively in setting and achieving strategic goals and priorities of the society. • Prepare and chair EduCom meetings (2-4 meetings per year) • Oversee and approve all course programmes. • In collaboration with the EUROSPINE staff, ensure governance of allocated budget. • Lead the development, in collaboration with all EduCom members and EUROSPINE staff, of all necessary assessments, tools and questionnaires to ensure EUROSPINE is at the forefront in this area. • Lead the development and use (in collaboration with all EduCom members and EUROSPINE staff) of all necessary educational material, including presentations, eLearning material, guidelines, internal procedures needed to keep EUROSPINE education activities in line with the latest international guidelines, best practices and new technologies. • Lead the development (in collaboration with the Education Committee members) of all other education activities (Observership grants, diploma equivalence, etc.). • Represent and promote the EUROSPINE education activities and all other EUROSPINE activities to stakeholders and the general public including social media. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the committee in strategic tasks to achieve set goals and priorities. • Represent and promote the EUROSPINE activities to stakeholders and the general public. • Ensure activities are not delayed by giving feedback to EUROSPINE staff questions within a reasonable time-frame (48 hours during business days). • Advise the EUROSPINE staff in case of vacation or absence and appoint a deputy accordingly. • Attend meetings, educational events and conference calls, as occasion demands. • Promote the EUROSPINE education activities and all other EUROSPINE activities to stakeholders and the general public including social media.
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Meetings

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 meetings per year (face-to-face or virtual) with the EUROSPINE Executive Committee to present current projects and discuss the strategic development of the Society in general. • Teleconferences for specific projects, as occasion demands (I.e. EuSSAB meetings bi-weekly Ops call, EDISC, Spine20, Rehabilitation Council). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 meetings per year (face-to-face or virtual) with the Education committee • Regular meetings (face-to-face or virtual) with responsible EUROSPINE staff members.
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APPENDIX

Educational Activities

The Education Committee is responsible for the following activities:

1. Diplomas
 - a. [EUROSPINE Diploma](#)
 - b. [EUROSPINE Advanced Diploma](#) (discontinued by end of 2025)
 - c. [EUROSPINE Diploma in Interprofessional Spine Care \(EDISC\)](#)
2. Courses
 - a. Basic Diploma Courses
 - b. Advanced Diploma Courses
 - c. EDISC Courses together with the EDISC Committee

Both courses, Basic and Advanced, are delivered during the [EduWeek](#) (end June-early July):

- The EduWeek is a blended learning approach. Knowledge is delivered as e-learning through the EUROSPINE Learning Management System (LMS) prior to the face-to-face component, which contains case discussions and hands-on workshops.

3. Diploma Equivalence
 - a. [Basic Diploma](#): Equivalence exist with France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Turkey and EANS (as of 2018). Surgeons having taken all or part of their modules with one or several Societies with whom EUROSPINE has an equivalence can apply to receive the EUROSPINE Diploma.
 - b. [Advanced Diploma](#): Equivalence exist with EANS (as of 2017) Turkish Spine Society (TSS) and DWG (as of 01.01.2018). Surgeons are eligible for the Advanced Diploma if, they have obtained their EUROSPINE Basic Diploma (with EUROSPINE or through the Equivalence programme), have completed both advanced modules with EUROSPINE, EANS, DWG or TSS and have completed a 6-months fellowship validated by EUROSPINE.
4. [Observership Grants](#)

For a 14-days, member-to-member observership. €1500 per grant. 4 application deadlines per year: 1 January, 1 April, 1 June, 1 September.

Review processes

Review of new applications for fellowship validation in order to obtain the Advanced Diploma:

Guidelines and criteria for the fellowship validation process can be found [here](#).

- Applications are submitted online on the EUROSPINE Website, and must include the following documents:
 - Either a certificate stating that at least 6 months of fellowship was performed in a EUROSPINE Endorsed Host Training Centre
 - Or in the case that the fellowship was done in a European non-endorsed centre or a non-European, non-endorsed centre, the applicant will need to provide the following:

- a. A fellowship report describing how the fellowship was relevant to their training with supporting documentation.
 - b. A letter from the head of unit certifying that the training centre meets the centres qualification requirement described in the fellowship validation guidelines.
- No specific deadlines for application, candidates can apply when they wish.
 - Applications are sent for review by email including the requested attachments.
 - 2 reviews needed per application.
 - Estimated time to review an application: 15 minutes.
 - Review by the assigned EduCom members (1st and 2nd reviewer) within 10 days and reviewer decisions to be sent to EUROSPINE education team.
 - Office advises candidate of final decision. No appeal procedure.

Review of new applications for Observership grants:

Guidelines and criteria for the Observership grant process can be found [here](#).

- Applications are submitted online on EUROSPINE Website, and must include the following documents:
 - a. an up-to-date CV in English
 - b. a publication list
 - c. a letter of intent/motivation letter indicating the type of Observership, what the applicant intends to learn from the Observership and why the Observership is relevant for their training.
 - d. a letter from the applicant's hospital head of department that if the Observership is accepted, the applicant will be given the permission to attend (paid or unpaid).
 - e. a letter from the Host specifying that they will welcome the Observership grant recipient, agree on the dates and duration of the Observership, agree on the set objectives and that they will ensure they are available during the whole duration of the Observership.
- 4 deadlines for application per year: 1 January, 1 April, 1 June and 1 September.
- Applications are sent for review by email including the requested attachments.
- 2 reviews needed per application.
- Estimated time to review an application: 15 minutes.
- Review by the assigned EduCom members within 15 days and decision to validate or not need to be sent to EUROSPINE education team.
- Office advises candidate of final decision. No appeal procedure.