

EUROSPINE Advanced Course 2017

The second Advanced Course took place in Strasbourg, France this past October. 68 participants representing 25 countries worldwide attended this activity.

Date: 16-18 October 2017

Location: Strasbourg, France

Number of participants: 68

Countries most represented were Germany ($n=14$), Egypt, Italy, Spain and Switzerland ($n=5$) and Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom ($n=4$).

The main specialties represented were neurosurgery ($n=30$), spinal surgery ($n=19$) and orthopaedic surgery ($n=17$).

The two modules required to obtain the EUROSPINE Advanced Diploma took place during this Advanced Course. Both sessions were highly interactive with case based discussions and included group work.

The Extended indications and advanced operative techniques module also included a practical workshop in the cadaver laboratory. *The Revisions and complications management module* provided opportunities for practical workshops with bone models and Real Spine simulators, including minimally invasive procedures.



For the second time, we had a wonderful collaboration with Real Spine and wish to thank staff for the support provided during the workshop.

If they wished to, participants could also learn about our partner's latest innovations during the Innovation Hour that took place after the first day sessions.

A participant from Germany stated, when asked what went well with the course: *"Perfect venue and course organisation, perfect interference between faculty and participants, great lab! Fantastic terms of discussion and multidisciplinary interaction! Everybody was invited to contribute and spontaneously provided input on his/her own experience and statements at any time! Great!"*

Another participant from Pakistan confided that *"The module I took was so good for my professional growth. The lectures, group discussions and hands on workshop were so good."*



A visit of the *Strasbourg hospital historical cellar* was organised for participants to network with other colleagues and faculty members. This unique historical venue was especially opened for EUROSPINE on the Monday evening and participants, faculty and EUROSPINE staff enjoyed the stories about the cellar's mission through the ages while tasting a selection of the cellar's wines.

We wish to thank our 19 members of faculty for animating quality interactive sessions throughout the course and the IRCAD team for their unwavering help and professionalism.

Our gratitude goes to our industry partners, namely Cerapedics, Medtronic, Nuvasive, Spineart and Zeiss for their support and collaboration.

Now one cycle of the Advanced Course is complete and next cycle will start during the EUROSPINE Education Week (18-22 June 2018) where both Advanced Modules will be available again. Register here to upcoming EUROSPINE Courses: esociety.netkey.at/eurospine/myeducation/

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