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Statement regarding Russian delegates, abstract submitters and presenters at EUROSPINE 2022

On behalf of the EUROSPINE Programme Committee, we regrettably must inform you that a decision has just been taken by EUROSPINE's Executive Committee to formally rescind your invitation to orally present your paper at the EUROSPINE Annual Meeting 2022. In addition, we further regret to inform you that your paper will not be published in the abstract supplement 2022 of the Brain and Spine journal.

Since the onset of hostilities inflicted by Russia against Ukraine in late February, the situation has deteriorated significantly, causing immeasurable destruction and suffering, with dire global implications of a humanitarian crisis now starting to spread across the entire globe.

We believe that in the current political and humanitarian climate, the presence of Russian and Belarus participants is wholly incompatible with increasing international and institutional community pressure, and efforts to impose sanctions and the adoption of measures designed to isolate and ostracize Russia for its shocking military aggression. For this reason, EUROSPINE continues to seek and find ways to send a very strong signal in support of, and in solidarity with, global efforts to protect and safeguard the innocent civilians and refugees of Ukraine.

If you have already confirmed your acceptance of the invitation, we apologize for the inconvenience and disappointment this may cause you, but we trust you can understand our position in this matter. We hope you share our view that we should all strive for an enduring and lasting peace once the hostilities have ended, and that we can eventually resume our scientific and academic pursuits together.

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