EUROSPINE 2020
DELEGATES’ SURVEY

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ABOUT THE SURVEY

347 completed surveys

Online: 9–30 October 2020
WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES DID YOU USE / VISIT DURING VIRTUAL EUROSPINE?

- Announcements section
- External e-poster & quickfire presentations website
- Industry sessions
- Meeting hub
- Q&A tool during sessions
- Scientific sessions
- Virtual exhibition

1 person = 10 pax
QUALITY RATINGS
HOW DO YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE VIRTUAL CONGRESS PLATFORM?

General usability of the platform 4.1
Presentation of scientific sessions 4.1
Interactive features (Q&A, discussion forum) 3.8
Possibility to interact with other delegates (meeting hub) 3.5

n = 347  n = 347  n = 340  n = 321
QUALITY RATINGS
HOW DO YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE VIRTUAL CONGRESS PLATFORM?

Possibility to get in touch with industry representatives (virtual exhibition) 3.6
Live support / help 3.9

n = 316
n = 309
HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS DID YOU CONNECT WITH DURING VIRTUAL EUROSPINE 2020?

- 1-5 participants: 45%
- 6-10 participants: 7%
- More than 10 participants: 5%
- None: 43%

n = 347
(Single choice question)

HOW MANY EXHIBITOR BOOTHS DID YOU VISIT DURING VIRTUAL EUROSPINE 2020?

- 50% 1-5 booths
- 32% none
- 8% more than 10 booths
- 10% 6-10 booths
- 8% 1-5 booths

n = 347
WHICH FEATURES DID YOU LIKE MOST (E.G. SESSIONS, INTERACTIVE FEATURES, VIRTUAL EXHIBITION, MEETING HUB, ENGAGE, CONNECT & WIN, ETC.)?

“Interactive features”

“Q&A sessions”

“Discussions”

“E-posters and keynotes”

“Scientific sessions”

(Open question)
“IT-problems: not able to connect, some browsers did not work, cut-off in middle of presentation”

“More time for discussions without abrupt termination in middle of a dialogue”

“Missing face-to-face meeting”

“Missing interaction between presenter and audience”

“Link for e-poster and quickfire was hard to find”

“The recordings should be available immediately after the presentation”

WHICH FEATURES WERE MISSING IN YOUR OPINION?
WHICH SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR IMPROVING THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM?

“Q&A’s: Inbox for the presenter to answer all questions either live or later via e-mail”

“Name and number of the slides should be available while presenting”

“Generate networking opportunities: maybe via chatroom”

“Recorded sessions should be available straight away”

“Reduce time of the speaker, but allow more time for discussions”

“Resolve IT-difficulties: browser, connection problems, video quality, access via telephone or iPad”
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF VIRTUAL OFFER
Would you attend a virtual EuroSpine again?

- Yes, I would participate again: 61%
- No, I would not participate again: 16%
- Maybe I would take part again: 19%
- I would only attend if there is no physical annual meeting: 4%

n = 347
WHICH PARTICIPATION OPTION WOULD YOU PREFER FOR FUTURE EUROPINE CONGRESSES?

- 8% I would prefer to attend virtually
- 3% I don’t have a clear preference for my participation
- 45% I would prefer to attend in person, but attending virtually is a good alternative
- 44% I would prefer to attend in person

n = 347
Which participation option would you prefer for future Eurospine congresses?

“I like to meet people, but virtual is a lot easier and less expensive”

“Because there is no opportunity for a live congress at the moment I am grateful for this quite strong alternative”

“Missing networking opportunities”

“Face-to-face discussions are more informative”

“The costs for the online meeting is too high in comparison to the congress”

“Face-to-face meeting is preferred as a virtual meeting is no replacement for a personal contact and discussion – an option would be to have it both ways”
THE DIGITAL RECORDINGS OF THE SESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE EUROSPINE E-LIBRARY AFTER THE CONGRESS

- 68% I will look at them for sure
- 27% I may look at them
- 5% I probably won’t use this service

n = 347
"Because it is the way to do a second reading in depth"

"Repetition and fill in on missed information"

"Look up information for your own research purposes and education"

"Missed out on some interesting sessions"

"For a better understanding, research and educational purposes"

"I didn’t have time to attend all sessions, so it is very useful to access them online"

"Scientific archive"

THE DIGITAL RECORDINGS OF THE SESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE EUROSPINE E-LIBRARY AFTER THE CONGRESS

"Because it is the way to do a second reading in depth"
WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL DIGITAL EDUCATIONAL OFFERS IN THE FORM OF ONLINE WEBINARS BEFORE / AFTER THE CONGRESS, PROVIDED BYEUROSPINE?

- 51% I may participate
- 39% I would participate for sure
- 10% I probably won’t take part

n = 347
IN 2020 I CONSUMED DIGITAL EDUCATIONAL CONTENT / WEBINARS TO THE FOLLOWING EXTENT

- 2-5 virtual conferences / webinars: 43%
- 6-10 virtual conferences / webinars: 15%
- More than 10 virtual conferences / webinars: 12%
- Virtual EUROSPINE 2020 is my first virtual educational experience: 30%

n = 244
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
QUALITY RATINGS
HOW DO YOU RATE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THE PRESENTATIONS YOU ATTENDED?

Free papers: 3.9 stars (n = 347)
Debates: 4.1 stars (n = 347)
Keynote lectures: 4.1 stars (n = 347)
There was too much emphasis on academic presentations: 76% agreed
There was too much emphasis on clinical practice: 7%
None of the above: 11%

BALANCE/MIX OF TOPICS: PLEASE TICK THE BOX OF THE STATEMENT(S) YOU MOST AGREE WITH

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- 10% None of the above
- 15% There was too much emphasis on surgical topics
- 7% There was too much emphasis on non-surgical topics
- 68% There was a good balance between surgical and non-surgical topics

n = 347

(Single choice question)
LEVEL: PLEASE TICK BOX OF STATEMENT(S) YOU MOST AGREE WITH

- The programme was for specialists: 65%
- None of the above: 21%
- There was not enough in the programme to interest specialists: 11%
- There was too much in the programme for generalists: 3%

n = 347
PLEASE SUGGEST A SPECIFIC CONTROVERSY IN SPINE CARE THAT YOU BELIEVE COULD BECOME A HOT DEBATE TOPIC IN FUTURE EUROSPINE MEETINGS

“Interaction between medicine and industry in treatment guidance”

“Gap in communication between surgeon and patient during rehabilitation. More multi-disciplinary treatment approaches”

“Sagittal balance, when do we need to correct aging patients?”

“Role of navigation and robots in surgery of spine”

“Need for more endoscopic surgery, seems to be the next advancement in spine care?”

“Future of professional conferences and accreditation for medical experts”
WHAT CAN EUROSPINE DO IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE YOUR NEEDS WITHIN THE SPINE COMMUNITY?

“Publish the most important spine papers of the year”

“Pay attention to clinical dilemma’s”

“Offer more basic sciences and less industries”

“What can Eurospine do in order to better serve your needs within the spine community?

“Hands-on workshops: teaching on surgical techniques”

“Offer online education”

“Connect people”
LEVEL: PLEASE TICK BOX OF STATEMENT(S) YOU MOST AGREE WITH

- There was a good balance between the main programme and industry sessions: 63%
- There was too much emphasis on industry sessions: 23%
- I would have liked more industry sessions: 11%
- None of the above: 3%

n = 347
CERTIFICATION
IS CME-CPD (OR EQUIVALENT) IMPORTANT FOR YOU?

- Yes, needed for my national accreditation validation: 71%
- Not for my personal validation, but CME accreditation is proof of scientific quality: 17%
- Not needed for validation, I just need a participation confirmation: 10%
- Other: 1%
- No answer: 1%

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QUALITY RATINGS
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

- This event has fulfilled my educational goals and my expected learning outcomes: 3.9
- I have received information at this event that will help me to improve my practice: 3.9
- The event was excellently organised: 4.2
- There was sufficient time for discussions, questions / answers and learner engagement: 3.5

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QUALITY RATINGS
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

- The information presented was supported by a valid scientific evidence: 3.9
- The speakers consistently were very good or excellent: 3.8
- There was no bias in any of the programmed educational events: 3.8
- The offered teaching programme was very good or excellent: 3.9

n = 347
PLEASE LIST YOUR THREE TOP LEARNING POINTS FROM EUROSPINE

1. Importance of endoscopic procedures
2. Management of osteoporotic fractures
3. Infection (low grade / biomechanical failure)
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES
Are you a member of EUROSPINE?

Yes 68%

n = 347
QUALITY RATINGS
IF YOU ARE A EUROSPINE MEMBER.
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE MEMBERSHIP SERVICES?

Reduced registration fee for EUROSPINE events: 4.1 (n = 247)
Education events, courses: 4.0 (n = 242)
Newsletter: 3.9 (n = 239)
EUROSPINE booth: 3.8 (n = 235)

(Rating question)
QUALITY RATINGS
IF YOU ARE A EUROSPINE MEMBER.
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE MEMBERSHIP SERVICES?

Included on-line access to the European Spine Journal 4.2
EUROSPINE on YouTube 3.7
EUROSPINE App 3.8

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n = 229