

Dear Members of GEER,

This is a 'handshake' to welcome you and all members of GEER, the Spanish Spine Society as 'Associate Members' of the Spine Society of Europe.

EUROSPINE, the Spine Society of Europe, has implemented additional membership categories. We now embark on the process of collaboration with all national spine societies across Europe. The new '**Institutional Membership Category**' includes all national societies and their members within geographic Europe under the umbrella of EUROSPINE.

EuSSAB, the European Spine Societies Advisory Board, is one common communication platform for all national spine societies and spine surgeons across Europe. We are very pleased that GEER has, in an important and historic move, decided to join EUROSPINE as an Institutional Member. This will make all members of your society '**Associate Members' of EUROSPINE.**

The Institutional Membership of GEER will **provide you with a variety of benefits at no additional cost**, such as e-newsletters, annual reports, and most notably, free access to webcasts of the annual meeting, which are normally reserved, exclusively for full EUROSPINE members. If you wish to have the entire range of benefits such as significantly reduced rates to the annual meetings, access to the Journal and other activities you would be most welcome to join as a full member or young member (<40 years of age).

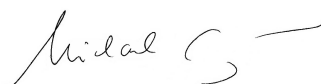
The potential of uniting several thousands of spine specialists across Europe in this collaborative effort will increase the visibility and profile of the care of spinal disorders at a political level across Europe. This will help us to achieve our common goals, unify organisational tasks and representing spine specialists' interests throughout Europe. A significant number of spine societies have expressed their interest and support of EuSSAB, and the first national European spine societies have already joined EUROSPINE as 'Institutional Members'.

It will be a joint effort of EUROSPINE and the national spine societies to grow closely together and to achieve our common goals, for which EuSSAB may serve as one common communication platform for all spine surgeons across Europe.


Sincerely,



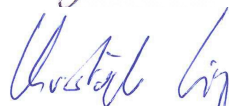
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