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WORLD SPINE 11

September 10th – 12th, 2026
Saarland University, Homburg

**HANDS-ON SPINE
SURGERY COURSE**

Pre-congress Spine workshop
September 08th – 09th, 2026

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is a great honor and pleasure to welcome you to World Spine 11, which will take place **from September 10–12, 2026, in Homburg, Saarland, Germany.**

This eleventh international biennial conference of the World Spinal Column Society aims to bring together experts, innovators, and dedicated professionals from around the world to explore the evolving landscape of spine surgery, with the distinguished presence of its Founder, Edward C. Benzel, who will be honored as Guest of Honor at World Spine 11.

From minimally invasive techniques to complex spinal reconstructions, the program will reflect the full spectrum of modern spinal care, uniting science, skill, and technology. The congress aims to create a dynamic forum for learning, collaboration, and advancement in spine surgery. Attendees can look forward to in-depth lectures, case-based discussions, and hands-on sessions featuring the latest surgical tools and approaches.

Saarland is located in the southwest of Germany, bordering France and Luxembourg. Congress guests can enjoy the famous Saarschleife, a

stunning river bend, and the relaxed charm of historic towns like Saarbrücken.

Join us in shaping the future of spine surgery—through dialogue, discovery, and shared experience. We look forward to welcoming you to World Spine 11 in Homburg!



Prof. Joachim Oertel
Congress Chair of World Spine 11

The Hands-On Spine Course – Pre-Congress Workshop

The Hands-on Spine Course of World Spine 11 is an intensive two-day cadaver-based training program designed to provide a realistic operative experience under near-clinical conditions. The course includes high-quality dissection using anatomical specimens prepared with the Fix for Life® method, characterized by preserved natural tissue structure and realistic tactile feedback.

A structured hands-on setup is provided, featuring 18 fully equipped dissection stations with three participants per specimen. The training encompasses open approaches to the cervical, thoracic, lumbar, and lumbosacral spine, complemented by navigation-guided instrumentation, as well as minimally invasive, endoscopic, and interbody fusion techniques, including TLIF and XLIF.

PROGRAMM (PRELIMINARY)

Tuesday, 08 September 2026

07:30 – 8:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	Central Lecture Hall, Build. 3
08:00 – 12:00	Lectures	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 17:00	Hands-on Course	Anatomy, Build. 61
18:00	Get Together	

Wednesday, 09 September 2026

07:30 - 8:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	Central Lecture Hall, Build. 3
08:00 – 11:30	Lectures	
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 – 16:00	Hands-on Course	Anatomy, Build. 61
16:30	Closing Remarks & Certificates	

The Hands-On Spine Course – Pre-Congress Workshop

PARTICIPATION FEE FOR HANDS-ON SPINE COURSE (08.09.–09.09.2026)

	Early Bird <i>until 15th of May 2026</i>	Regular
Single participant	900,- €	1000,- €
Single participant <i>(members of WSCS)</i>	850,- €	950,- €
Group ticket <i>(2 persons and more, price per person)</i>	850,- €	950,- €

Registration for the Hands-On Spine Course gives participants a 50% discount on registration for the World Spine 11 Congress. Confirmation of the workshop booking is required to activate the discount and will be issued after full payment has been received.

Cancellations must be submitted in written form and are subject to the following conditions:

- **Until August 11, 2026:** Refund possible (10% + processing fees of the bank)*
- **After August 11, 2026:** No refund * To cover bank costs and processing fees

Participation Fee Includes

- Hands-On Sessions
- Course book
- Equipment, cadavers/simulators
- Coffee breaks & lunch
- Certificate of Attendance

Not Included

- Travel expenses
- Accommodation
- Personal insurance

Registration and payment are completed via our website.

Please note that the number of participants is limited, and early registration is recommended. A registration is only considered confirmed once payment has been received. Payment must be made within 14 days of registration; otherwise, the spot cannot be guaranteed.

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&
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LOCATION:

Lecture Hall, Build. 35



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Program (Preliminary) – World Spine II Congress 2026

Thursday, 10. September, 2026

ASIA	EUROPE	AFRICA	AMERICA	AUSTRALIA
07:30 – 08:00				
Registration				
08:00 – 09:30				
Opening & Keynotes Lectures				
09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	
Endoscopic spine surgery - anatomic concepts	Spinal vascular malformation	Endoscopic techniques in the thoracic spine	Innovative concepts in spinal surgery I	
10:30 – 10:45				
Coffeebreak				
10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	
Indonesian Spine Society	Degenerative diseases of the spine - fusion techniques	Degenerative diseases of the spine - cervical myelopathy	Congenital spinal pathologies - rare entities and surgical considerations	
12:15 – 13:15				
Lunch symposium				
13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15
Polish Society of Spinal Surgery	Syringomyelia	MIS - Cervical spine	Spinal infection and surgical treatment	Spinal surgery in oncological diseases
14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15
Eurospine - inquired	Endoscopic techniques in spinal surgery - Lumbar	CVJ - Surgical concepts in complex anatomycomplex anatomy	Hybrid cervical spine surgery	Ablation therapy in spinal pain
15:15 – 15:30				
Coffeebreak				
15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00
German Spine Society (DWG)- inquired	Spinal surgery in geriatric patients	Spinal deformity	Roundtable I: Odontoid fracture - anterior or posterior approach?	Roundtable II: Thoracic spinal stenosis - endoscopic or open?
17:00 – 18:00				
Gaab Memorial Price				

19:00: Presidential Dinner

Program (Preliminary) – World Spine II Congress 2026

Friday, 11. September, 2026

ASIA	EUROPE	AFRICA	AMERICA	AUSTRALIA
08:00 – 09:30				
Opening & Keynotes Lectures				
09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30
ISMISS	Spinal navigation in minimally-invasive spine surgery	Spinal injury - surgical concepts	BESS for lumbar disc herniation and spinal stenosis	Endoscopic techniques in the cervical spine
10:30 – 10:45				
Coffeebreak				
10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15
Jordan Spine Surgeons Forum (JSSF)	Sacroiliac joint	Multimodal treatment concepts - spine and pelvis	Surgical therapy for pelvic fractures	Degenerative disease of the cervical spine - treatment concepts
12:15 – 13:15				
Lunch symposium				
13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15	13:15 – 14:15
WFNS CVJ Committee		Neuromodulation in spinal disorders	Surgical therapy for sacral fractures	Gait disturbances in spinal pathologies
14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15	14:15 – 15:15
German Society for Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery (DGOOC)- inquired	Spinal intradural tumors	Degenerative diseases of the spine - Thoracic	Innovative concepts in spinal surgery II	Spinal stimulation - Neurological perspective
15:15 – 15:30				
Coffeebreak				
15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00
Egyptian Orthopaedic Association	Spinal surgery for benign tumors	Roundtable III: Minimally-Invasive treatment of spinal stenosis yes or no	Roundtable IV: Spinal fusion in spinal stenosis?	Roundtable V: Cervical Myelopathy - Anterior or Posterior Approach?
17:00 – 18:00				
Benzel Symposium				

19:00: Social Program
20:00: Gala Dinner



Program (Preliminary) - World Spine II Congress 2026

Saturday, 12. September, 2026

ASIA	EUROPE	AFRICA	AMERICA	AUSTRALIA
08:00 – 09:30				
Opening & Keynotes Lectures				
09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30	09:30 – 10:30
European Society of Unilateral Biptoral Endoscopy ESUBE	Spinal revision surgery	Spinal injury and rehabilitation	Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty	Spinal procedures and economic aspects
10:30 – 10:45				
Coffeebreak				
10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 12:15
Korean Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery Research Society (KOMISS)		Neuromonitoring in spinal surgery	Degenerative diseases of the spine - conservative treatment	Degenerative disease of the spine - lumbar
12:15 – 13:15				
Lunchbreak				
13:15 – 14:45	13:15 – 14:45	13:15 – 14:45	13:15 – 14:45	13:15 – 14:45
NESI (Neuroendoscopy Society of India)		Integrative medicine in spinal pathologies	Management of periprocedural risks and complications	Innovative concepts in spinal surgery II
14:45 – 16:00	14:45 – 16:00	14:45 – 16:00	14:45 – 16:00	14:45 – 16:00
UZSPINE	Eurospine - inquired	Surgery of myelomeninogocle - current treatment concepts	Roundtable VI: Cervical Myelopathy - Anterior or Posterior Approach?	Spinal education - where do we stand?
16:00				
Closing Remarks				

Participation Fee – World Spine II Congress 2026

PARTICIPATION FEE FOR WORLD SPINE 11 CONGRESS (10.09.–12.09.2026)

CATEGORY	EARLY (until 29 June 2026)	REGULAR (from 29 June 2026)	DAY TICKET
Members WSCS			
Physician	250,- €	280,- €	150,- €
Residents	200,- €	220,- €	100,- €
Non-members			
Physician	300,- €	330,- €	180,- €
Residents	250,- €	270,- €	130,- €
Participants from low-income countries*			
Physician	120,- €	150,- €	70,- €
Residents	100,- €	110,- €	50,- €
Reduced			
Student**	50,- €	50,- €	
Industry			
Industry participants (not applicable for exhibiting companies)	400,- €	500,- €	300,- €
Participants with Accepted Abstract ***	No Registration Fee		

Gala Dinner: 130.00,-€ incl. 19% VAT



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Abstract submission – World Spine II Congress 2026

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Gala Dinner – Social Program

The gala dinner will take place at the ROMANTIK HOTEL LANDSCHLOSS FASANERIE. Before dinner, there will be a guided tour of the Fasanerie grounds, featuring information about the historic Fasanerie, including the wild rose garden, the Baroque pond complex, the landscape garden, and the ruins of a 12th-century Salian castle. Its history dates back to the 16th century and spans the Baroque heyday. The Fasanerie in Zweibrücken takes its name from the pleasure garden of the same name, which was made available to King Stanislaus Leszczyński of Poland by Karl XII, King of Sweden and Duke of Zweibrücken.



A reproduction of the plan by Johann-Erik Sundahl, court gardener to Charles XII, who designed the grounds between 1714 and 1718 for King Stanisław I Leszczyński of Poland.



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