6th Biennial Meeting of the WFNS Spine Committee
in conjunction with SINch and SICV&GIS

1st DAY
Wed June 10th
Centro Congressi Humanitas
Rozzano (MI)

Milano 2020

2nd and 3rd DAY
Thu June 11th
Fri June 12th
Grand Visconti Palace Hotel

Chairman Spinal Committee WFNS
Mehmet Zileli

Meeting President
Maurizio Fornari

Chairman of Organizing Committee
Francesco Costa

WFNS President
Franco Servadei

Call for Abstract
Submission deadline
March 1st, 2020

2nd Announcement
Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Spine is an important (if not the most important) part of our daily work as Neurosurgeons even in remote areas of the world. There has been a tremendous improvement in recent years of surgical techniques together with the use of the new available medical devices. The key questions are: can we combine these new instruments with thoughtful surgical indication? Can we perform our surgeries in countries with limited facilities? The production of evidence-based guidelines has encountered some difficulties: evidence based is almost entirely generated in the Western World and it is difficult very often to perform randomized clinical studies about the clinical use of new devices. The Spine Committee of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) has been very active in recent years organizing a series of Consensus Conferences on different spine topics (like for instance cervical and spine stenosis). These conferences are a combination of evidence based and experts' based suggestions and the advantage is that most parts of the world are represented. We need now a forum where to discuss the Science, Technology and Human contribution to Spine Surgery.

Italy has a long-lasting history of collaboration in Management of Spine Patients between different medical disciplines: Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Neurophysiology, Anesthesiology, Oncology, etc. In Milano there are some of the most prestigious Neurosurgical and Orthopedic Centers for Spine Patients’ management. Moreover Milano is one of the fastest growing European City where you can find both the historical monuments (like the Duomo or the last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci) and the brand new City Life district. The Spine Committee of the WFNS and the Humanitas University are proud to invite all of you to the 6th Biennial Meeting in June 2020.

Please enjoy our Scientific Comprehensive Program and the Italian Hospitality.

Mehmet Zileli
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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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MAIN TOPICS

- Guidelines of the WFNS Spine Committee
- Modern concept of MISS
- Spine Surgery Education
- Spine Surgery in the world: what should be the plans for the future
- Vertebral and Spinal cord tumors: current concepts
- New technologies in spine surgery
- Update on spinal trauma

AIM OF THE MEETING

In this meeting, the WFNS Spine Committee, discuss and analyze different topics in spine surgery, ranging from education to the new technologies. Particularly, aim of this meeting is to have an overview of the current concepts in spine surgery (i.e. tumor, trauma, deformity) analyzing how the same problem is faced in the different part of the World. Moreover WFNS Spine Committee will present and discuss the “Recommendations” to address key clinical questions surrounding the diagnosis and treatment to assist surgeons in all countries, affording daily spine pathologies.
PRE-MEETING COURSE

10th

Mario Luzzatto
Simulation Center

Wednesday, June 10th, 2020

09:00
Pre-meeting Course
organized by
Theoretical session
and Hands-on Lab

12:30
**Humanitas Congress Center**

*Wednesday, June 10th, 2020*

**12:00**
Registration opening

**12:00**
Welcome snack will be served

**13:00**
Welcome and Introduction
Mehmet Zileli, Franco Servadei, Maurizio Fornari

**13:30**
Introduction of methodology
Franco Servadei

**13:40**
Consensus Results of WFNS Spine Committee
Chairmen: Mehmet Zileli, Maurizio Fornari, Salman Sharif
- Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy
- Lumbar Spinal Stenosis
- Cervical Trauma and Spinal Cord Injury

**16:00**
Open Coffee

**16:30**
Case-based discussion with WFNS Spine Committee, SINch Spine Section and SICV&GIS
Chairmen: Mehmet Zileli, Vincenzo Vitiello, Giuseppe Costanzo

**Panel 1:** Degenerative lysthesis
**Panel 2:** Cervical spondylotic myelopathy with kyphosis
**Panel 3:** Degenerative deformity

**18:30**
Opening Ceremony

**19:30**
Welcome Reception

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**Invited Speakers:**
- Mehmet Zileli - WFNS
- Maurizio Fornari - WFNS
- Salman Sharif - WFNS
- Zoher Ghogawala - AANS/CNS*
- John Duff - EANS
- Andreas Demetriades - EANS
- Vincenzo Vitiello - SINch
- Francesco Costa - WFNS, SINch
- Bernardo Misaggi - SICV&GIS
- Marco Teli - Eurospine
- Marek Sapalsky - ESJ
- Marina Torre - ISS

**Topics:**
1) Evidence Based Guidelines: time for a change?
2) Consensus Conference with modified Delphi Method: pro and cons
3) Worldwide and Continental clinical recommendations: how to make them useful?
4) How to combine different guidelines/recommendations in a similar setting
5) Diagnostic features and non-surgical treatments should be considered in the recommendations?
6) Future recommendations. Better research, better coordination
7) Implants registers

*to be confirmed*
### Grand Visconti Palace hotel
**Thursday, June 11th, 2020**

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| 11:00 | Spine Surgery in the World: what should be the plans for the future? Experience and Suggestions from:  
- North America  
- South America  
- Africa  
- Europe  
- Asia  
- Middle-East |
| 12:30 | **Lunch buffet** |
| 14:00 | New technology in spine surgery: Navigation, Robotics and Augmented Reality |
| 15:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 16:00 | Oral Communications and E-Poster sessions |
| 18:00 | Gala dinner |

### Main hall  
**PORTA ROMANA**

### Parallel hall  
**PORTA VITTORIA**

### Grand Visconti Palace hotel
**Friday, June 12th, 2020**

| 08:30 | Management and Treatment of Spine Trauma |
| 09:30 | Keynote Lectures |
| 10:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:00 | Spine Tumors: current concept and new trends |
| 12:30 | **Lunch buffet** |
| 14:00 | Oral Communications and E-Poster sessions |
| 15:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 16:00 | Surgery in Degenerative Spine Deformity |
| 17:30 | **Awards:**  
- Best Oral Communication  
- Best E-Poster  
- Best Paper from Young investigators by the Journal Neurological Research |
| 18:00 | **Closing Ceremony** |
TARGET AUDIENCE
Neurosurgeons and Orthopaedic spine surgeons, in addition to other healthcare professionals whose scope of practice includes spine surgery. Residents and Fellows.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
The official language of the meeting is English without simultaneous translation.

We kindly ask to all speakers to prepare their slides in English.

RULES FOR SPEAKERS/TEACHERS/TUTORS
You need to provide a mandatory signed COI declaration.
The speech will be subject to CME accreditation, therefore, we request compliance with the following rules:
- the teaching activity shall be objective, balanced and not influenced by direct or indirect interests of stakeholders with commercial interest;
- the supervisor/teacher shall not include in the activity any teaching advertising of any kind for specific products of medical interest, shall indicate only generic names of drugs, instruments, principals and not their trade names, even if related to the subject matter;
- the supervisor/teacher shall not project images covered by copyright, identifying images of drugs or equipment and images that can violate patient privacy.

AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT
16:9 Projection (only PPT file on CD or on a memory stick, USB port or DVD) will be provided. Speakers are kindly requested to contact the Slide Center, located inside the meeting hall, at least one hour before their presentation in order to test all the audiovisual material. The presentation will be forwarded through Local Area Network (LAN) directly to the Video Projector. The use of personal laptop (MAC/PC) is allowed directly in the meeting hall, don’t forget the adaptor for VGA cable; the speaker must check it with the technician well in advance. Each Speaker shall collect their technical material at the end of the session or at the latest at the end of the day. The Organizing Secretariat accepts no responsibility for any lost audiovisual material that was not collected or left unattended.

Remember to adhere strictly to the time allotted for each presentation.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE
At the end of the Meeting an attendance certificate will be given to all registered participants.

VARIATIONS
The Scientific and the Organizing Secretariats reserve the right to make any change to the program they deem necessary for scientific and/or technical reasons.
## CME accreditation for European (EACCME) and Italian (ECM) physicians and surgeons will be requested

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Only for Italian Participants |
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• Neurochirurgia  
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**LINEE GUIDA – PROTOCOLLI - PROCEDURE**

In questo incontro, il WFNS Spine Committee, discute e analizza diversi argomenti nella chirurgia della colonna vertebrale, che vanno dall’istruzione alle nuove tecnologie. In particolare, l’obiettivo di questo incontro è di avere una visione d’insieme dei concetti attuali nella chirurgia della colonna vertebrale (cioè tumore, trauma, deformità) analizzando come nelle diverse parti del mondo ci si può trovare di fronte allo stesso problema. Inoltre il WFNS Spine Committee presenterà e discuterà le “raccomandazioni” per affrontare le questioni cliniche più importanti relative alla diagnosi e al trattamento per assistere i chirurghi in tutti i paesi, offrendo patologie quotidiane alla colonna vertebrale.
Call for abstract on the topics of the meeting
The Organizing Committee invites You to participate actively at the 6th Biennial Meeting of the WFNS Spine Committee 2020. You are kindly invited to submit your abstract in English for Oral Communications and E-Poster sessions using the online form on this website.

Abstract will be selected and assigned by the Organizing Committee. Abstract not selected for the oral sessions will be automatically considered for E-poster presentation in the E-poster corner. The receipt of abstract will be acknowledged automatically by e-mail to the presenting author upon the on-line submission. Notification of acceptance/rejection will be notified not later than March 15th, 2020.

Topics of the Meeting

**Spine surgery education**
- E-learning
- Virtual reality for education
- Cadaver labs versus augmented reality
- Critical assessment of operative videos on line: time to regulation

**Spine endoscopy**
- Were we are: Tell the truth

**Spine surgery in the world**
- Epidemiology
- Worldwide guidelines for management
- Reliability of clinical studies

**New technologies in spine surgery**
- role of robotic and navigation

**Modern concept of MISS**
- Concept of less invasive spinal surgery

**Management and treatment of spondylolisthesis**
- Clinical and surgical considerations
- Sagittal balance
- Critical evaluation of new devices

**Role of biomechanics in spine surgery**
- Vertebral tumors
- Primitive vertebral tumors
- Metastatic spine
- Actual best clinical practice

**Spinal cord tumors**
- Surgical techniques update
- Lunch or coffee session: IONM: state of the art

**Spinal trauma**
- Worldwide epidemiology
- Vertebral fractures classification and management
- Spinal cord injuries
- Open controversies

**Other topics**
- Cervical pathology
- Spondylodiscitis
- What went wrong?

“The Journal Neurological Research, Taylor Francis Publishing, is happy to announce a prize for best paper from a young investigator. First prize is $2500, second prize $500. The submissions will be reviewed by a panel of editors/reviewers, and rated. Any submission that is deemed fit for publication will be published in the journal Neurological Research. Winners will be announced at the Milan meeting of the WFNS Spine committee. The money can be used to help cover the expenses of attending any international meeting in Neurosurgery and Neurosciences. Submissions should be sent at the same time to the reviewer panel, and submitted to Neurological Research. Please mention “special issue – Neurosurgery Spine Article competition”.
GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE for Pre Meeting Courses Hands-on Lab
Wed June 10th

Humanitas University
Luzzatto Simulation Center
Via Rita Levi Montalcini, 4
Pieve Emanuele - Milan (Italy)
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Main distance
Luzzatto Simulation Center
To the airport:
“Milano Malpensa” 65 km
“Milano Linate” 23 km
To the train station:
“Milano Centrale” 20 km
“Milano Rogoredo” 18 km
Milano downtown 15 Km

There is a parking area just under the Congress Center “Parking P7”. In case of necessity are also available the nearest parking P5 and P4. Daily rate Euro 5,00.

To reach humanitas congress center with public transport:
Take the green line of subway M2 towards Abbiategrasso, go out on the surface and there are 2 solutions:
- Humanitas shuttle (schedules attached)
- ATM line 230 stop in front of the convention center

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VENUE for 1st day meeting
Wed June 10th

Humanitas Congress Center
Via Manzoni, 113 Rozzano MI - Italy
Ph. +39 02 82242274 -2249
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VENUE for 2nd and 3rd day meeting
Thu June 11th and Fri June 12th

Grand Visconti Palace Hotel
Viale Isonzo, 14, 20135
Milano MI - Italy
Ph. +39 02 540341
www.grandviscontipalace.com/it

Main distance
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To the airport:
“Milano Malpensa” 53 km
“Milano Linate” 12 km
Train Station:
“Milano Centrale” 5 km
“Milano Rogoredo” 3,5 km
Milano downtown: 4,5 km
**REGISTRATION FEES (VAT included)**

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- Attendance to all scientific sessions
- Congress kit
- Attendance certificate
- Entrance to the exhibition area
- F&B provided during the scientific program

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