



Dubrovnik 2018

## ***Another successful SOSORT meeting in the books!***

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meeting of SOSORT is now behind us! The event was attended by 340 participants from 37 countries in the beautiful city of Dubrovnik, Croatia. The group was comprised of physicians, surgeons, nurses and nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants, psychiatrists, orthotists, physiotherapists, chiropractors, osteopaths and researchers who all share a passion for elevating the management of scoliosis worldwide.

The event was highlighted by the expertise and knowledge brought by our three keynote speakers, James Sanders of the United States, René Castelein of the Netherlands, and Paul Sponseller of the United States. All are orthopaedic spine surgeons who have dedicated their careers to better managing scoliosis and spine disorders in children and adults. Dr. Sanders discussed the need for non-op scoliosis providers to better understand scoliosis mechanics. Dr. Castelein dug into his research on scoliosis pathomechanics, and Dr. Sponseller highlighted the current collaborations between the SRS and SOSORT in caring for our patients from a non-operative perspective. We thank them for their time and sharing of their work with our group.

Interviews with the SOSORT 2018 Keynote Speakers:

[Prof. Dr. James Sanders \(USA\)](#)

[Prof. Dr. Paul Sponseller \(USA\)](#),

Vice-president of the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS)

[Prof. Dr. Rene Castelein \(Netherlands\)](#)

Other conference highlights included the fantastic pre-conference educational and research courses that brought key players in scoliosis management from all over the world to the same room to discuss concepts that appealed to participants relatively new to the field as well as content tailored to those with a deeper knowledge base.

The scientific sessions were packed with original research and clinical applications as this year's conference received a record number of abstract submissions. In addition to the research presented, panel discussions were lively and productive. The poster sessions were informative and interactive and offered an opportunity for more informal discussion and the ability to see research concepts presented in a more visual way.

Aside from the knowledge gained, all participants were welcomed to the city of Dubrovnik with open arms by site organizers Sunčica Bulat Wuersching and Andreas Wuersching. Our accommodations were fabulous and we enjoyed the many opportunities presented to us to get to know each other better through common meals, coffee breaks, and two wonderful outings on the town: one to explore the Old City, and the other that took us in style to our Gala Dinner by boat!! We danced the night away in a beautifully arranged room set by the sea and were able to strengthen our relationships, new and old.

We're already looking forward to next year's event in San Francisco, California, in the United States. Stay abreast of conference details on the website: [www.sosort2019.com](http://www.sosort2019.com). We look forward to being together again soon!

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*Check out the video interviews with Luke Stikeleather, the president of SOSORT, and our keynote speakers!*

*Memories and photos of Dubrovnik*

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## *SOSORT Award winners*



The presentations up for this year's SOSORT award were all stellar. We warmly congratulate our two winners. Sanja Schreiber challenged the notion that the Cobb angle is the only meaningful outcome measure in her study, [“How much change in the Cobb angle is needed for the patients to observe positive change in their backs following a Schroth intervention?”](#). Her results indicated that we would be well advised to continue investigating additional outcomes beyond simply the Cobb angle as we determine what constitutes a positive outcome in AIS management. Sunčica Bulat Wuerschling explored the complexity of the parent-child dynamic in a group of patients with AIS undergoing brace treatment in her study titled, [“Parental role in scoliosis treatment”](#). We look forward to reading the published manuscripts of both studies in the near future! Thank you, Dr. Schreiber and Dr. Bulat Wuerschling for your valuable contributions to our knowledge base.

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## *Save the Date!*

SOSORT 2019 San Francisco  
April 25, 26, 27<sup>th</sup> 2019  
New Host: Grant Wood, MS, CPO (UK), CO (US)

[Next conference location](#)



Everything you need to know, you can find on [the website](#) !!

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## *SRS-SOSORT Webinar - Free View of Patient Webinars*

We invite all our patients and colleagues to view the SRS-SOSORT Patient Webinars.

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[Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Webinar](#)

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## *From the Membership Committee*

Dear Scoliosis expert,

During the last decade it became harder and harder to find a congress of good quality that focuses on conservative treatment of scoliosis according to scientific data. The best international meetings became progressively devoted to surgery. No more room for conservative, no chance to have a paper accepted. No way to make the conservative treatment change from being expert-opinion based becoming evidence based. Nevertheless, people are demanding conservative treatment, and they want it to be effective and EBM. So, what should we do? This was the question raised by a group of people deeply involved in scoliosis conservative treatment, both physician, physiotherapists and CPO, but also aware of the

necessity to increase research in this field. And the answer has been to create a new society, a group where to discuss, where to grow up and make research together. This is how SOSORT was born in 2004, the Society on Scoliosis Orthopedic and Rehabilitation treatment, during a meeting held in Barcelona. Just a few people, at that time, but with a clear idea, a dream and the willingness to realize it. Now, seven years passed, and SOSORT has grown up. During the 2011 meeting, held again in Barcelona, it reached a significant goal, increasing the number of members to more than 100, including people from all around the world! A great result, for those people who have devoted themselves to this project.

[Read more.](#)

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## *SOSORT GDPR*

The SOSORT board is finalizing changes to our privacy policy and it will be added to the [website](#) shortly.

New EU (European Union) regulations state that we are no longer be able to contact you without your consent. We would love to stay connected. If you no longer want to stay in touch, please “unsubscribe” below.

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## *Follow us on FaceBook and Twitter!*

Happy Scoliosis Awareness month of June! Let us know what is your local event to raise awareness of scoliosis, screening and evidence based education.

You can sent us short write up and pics by e-mail.

We wish everyone a great summer/winter.

Our next newsletter is in September!



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