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## HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR EVERYONE!



## NEW UPDATES

### New Chair of the Communication Committee is Andrea Lebel

We said goodbye to Jean Claude de Mauroy. We would like to thank him for all his hard work throughout the years as the Chair of the Communication Committee! Jean Claude did an amazing job and we are very thankful for this! We appreciate it very much.

### Publishing Your Result in Scoliosis and Spinal Disorders Journal

Publish your presentation or poster as a SHORT PAPER:  
We will offer the possibility to publish a 1000 words short paper in Scoliosis and Spinal Disorders journal for a fee. The cost to you will be confirmed later but is estimated at 600Euros (A significant discount relative to the full article processing fee.) Please contact Eric Parent with the titles of the paper you wish to publish.

### SRS President, Dr. David W. Polly Announcement at the SOSORT-IRSSD Conference in Banff, Canada

"We are having a Scoliosis Specific Exercise session at our Prague meeting, and I look forward to the continued collaboration between the SRS and SOSORT"

## BANFF 2016

Dear SOSORT Members,

For the first time ever, SOSORT and IRSSD had a combined conference in Banff, Canada this year. The conference was a success and a large stepping stone leading to a promising future.

This is the end of my Presidency at SOSORT, and now our new President, Jacek Durmala, will take the lead. I wish all the best for him, and I will be there to support him in this difficult task.

In the meantime, there have been many changes within the Board: Theo Grivas will continue serving as the Chief Editor of our Journal, Scoliosis and Spinal Deformities. Patrick Knott has completed his period as Past President. Our Secretary Luke Stikeleather is leaving, together with Nigel Price and Cindy Marti. All have made a great contribution to SOSORT, and I want to thank them all.

I would also like also to welcome our new President elect, Michele Romano, the first physiotherapist to be elected in this position. I want to welcome Eric Parent, who was a great host and now is our new secretary. Lori Dolan, James Wynne and Andrea Lebel, have entered the board as members at large. I'm sure this new group of people will go on to contribute to the success of SOSORT.

I also want to thank Jean Claude de Mauroy, who passed the Chair of the Communication Committee after so many years of intense and outstanding work to Andrea Lebel.

Furthermore, I would like to thank Manuel Rigo, who was able to contribute with a video to the Educational Course, despite being unable to attend.

Finally, thank you Stefano Negrini, who was not able to attend, and I can only imagine how difficult it was for him after all of the great work he devoted to this Society.

I want to thank you all, because every time I meet you at the SOSORT meeting, I feel like I am with my family. SOSORT is a really special group, and I am really proud and happy to be part of it. Thank you all and see you in Lyon!

Yours truly,  
Fabio Zaina

## Reflections of SOSORT-IRSSD 2016

The benefit of living on the other side of the world from Banff is that it allows one, during the luxury of solitude of an extremely long flight, to reflect on our involvement in this "crazy" world of scoliosis. I had, the month before, attended the Spine Society of Australia conference in Melbourne and was once again exposed to the antagonistic attitudes of our spine surgeon colleagues to what we are trying to achieve.

Firstly, Banff is a beautiful town and I congratulate Eric, his team and SOSORT on selecting such a beautiful location and the smooth running the conference. We were informed that SOSORT would be combining with IRSSD (International Research Society of Spine Deformity) conference this year but I admit that I did not really comprehend what this meant. This meant that the pure clinicians amongst our members had to try and remember their biomechanics principles and extend their thinking on how to apply the base knowledge into our clinical practice and hopefully, some of pure science IRSSD members to internalize some of the clinical questions we clinicians struggle with. The new buzz in medical research is translational research (ie. from research bench to patient bedside) and this conference and the surrounding discussion encompassed that attitude.

The scientific standard of the conference and poster presentations are improving considerably and as more of our members' progress with their clinical research methodology courses, this should continue. SOSORT offers basic clinical and basic research courses around the conference and these provide excellent learning opportunities for those interested in field; we need to continue to collect the data and evidence to validate what we do, in a manner that can stand up to the scrutiny of our professional colleagues. I look forward to the day when the antagonistic discussion becomes a robust discussion, but in the meantime, there is still work to do.

See you all in France 2017: One of the birthplaces of Sagittal Balance.

Larry Cohen



Prof. Stefano Negrini, is an Invited Speaker at the Lunchtime Symposium during the next Scoliosis Research Society Annual Meeting in Prague

Title of the presentation: "Physiotherapeutic Scoliosis Specific Exercises: Update for Therapeutic Exercises in the Treatment of Scoliosis".

#### Photo and Video Gallery

Photos of combined conference meeting.  
Two beautiful group photos:  
[ONE](#) and [TWO](#)

Enjoy the Memories of SOSORT-IRSSD video: click [here](#).

#### NEW PUBLICATION

Please take time to see our most recent publication in 'Scoliosis and Spinal Deformities':

'Physiotherapy scoliosis-specific exercises - a comprehensive review of seven major schools'

- Hagit Berdishevsky<sup>1</sup>[Email author](#)[View ORCID ID profile](#),
- Victoria Ashley Lebel<sup>2</sup>,
- Josette Bettany-Saltikov<sup>3</sup>,
- Manuel Rigo<sup>4</sup>,
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- Andrzej M'hango<sup>9</sup>,
- Tony Betts<sup>10</sup>,
- Jean Claude de Mauroy<sup>11</sup>
- Jacek Durmala<sup>12</sup>

Congratulations to Hagit Berdishevsky and her Co-Authors! Amazing work!

#### LYON 2017

**SOSORT - 12 th Conference**  
**Save the Date and Prepare**  
**your Abstract!**  
**May 4-6, 2017 Lyon - France**

We are very pleased to announce that the 12th SOSORT International Conference on Scoliosis, will take place in Lyon From May, 4th to 6th in 2017.

Following the previous editions:

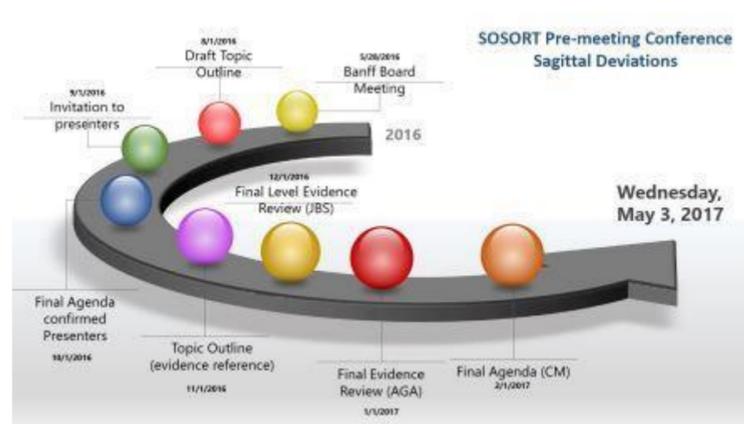
Banff (2016)  
Katowice (2015),  
Wiesbaden (2014),  
Chicago (2013),  
Milan (2012),  
Barcelona (2011),  
Montreal (2010),  
Lyon (2009),  
Athens (2008),  
Boston (2007),  
Poznan (2006).

The Society on Scoliosis Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Treatment (SOSORT) was founded in 2006, and brings together scientists and clinicians focused on the conservative treatment of spinal deformities. SOSORT also led to the creation of the official journal of the society, the open BMC Scoliosis and Spinal Disorders Journal. SOSORT has also produced Consensus statements during many of the subsequent meetings on key topics including: bracing, exercises and reasons for justifying treatment.

In 2017, SOSORT will continue in our tradition of offering May, 3rd as a date for the 'pre-conference educational session' providing background knowledge on scoliosis, as well as emergent and modern applications such as high rigidity and adult bracing as well as regional moulding. Many internationally recognized lecturers will be contributing to this course. The course is meant for any Physicians, Physical Therapists, Orthotists, Surgeons and clinical researchers on conservative care of spinal deformity.

The conference itself will cover a wide range of topics including all vertebral deviations as Kyphosis and Spondylolisthesis from infancy to adult life.

Finally, to continue developing our clinical research capacity on conservative treatment, a fourth SOSORT research half-day course will be offered Saturday afternoon, May 6th 2017. With the French Association "Scoliose et Partage (Scoliosis and Sharing)", we will organize a patient day on May 6, after the research Course.



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#### New President

Dear Members,

What I am going to do is the dissemination of educational materials to the SOSORT members, as well as to anyone interested in conservative treatment of scoliosis.

I am also planning to develop e-learning on theory, both for professionals and for patients or their minders.

My main goal is the preparation of the manuscript that would sum up various methods of functional assessment of people suffering from scoliosis, so that all those who deal with scoliosis could follow the same standardized procedures.

Another goal is to deepen cooperation with the local societies, which are engaged in scientific approach to rehabilitation and physiotherapy in order to popularize good standards of treatment.

And the last but not least is to establish a formalized collaboration with the universities, which can collaborate in scientific research.

I hope to fulfill these tasks by the time of our next meeting in Lyon.



Best, Jacek Durmala

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**President Elect**

For the total Biographie of the President Elect, [click here](#).



Michele Romano

**New members**

Congratulations to the 3 new Board Members!!

For their whole Biography, click on the picture.



Andrea Lebel,



James H. Wynne,



Lori Dolan

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