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SEASON'S GREETINGS!!

Best Wishes for the month December!

We wish everyone a nice and cozy December. With Hanukkah and Christmas. Enjoy the most wonderful time of the year. Hopefully in happiness and health.



GENERAL

Aim and Scope of SOSORT

An International Community of Clinicians and Researchers in field of Scoliosis

Since its humble beginnings in 2004, SOSORT has developed into an ever-expanding platform through which the scientific and clinical community of practitioners working within Scoliosis can communicate and discuss all aspects of their patients care.

A Platform to Present Scientific Research into Management of Scoliosis

Through annual conferences and the 'Scoliosis and Spinal Disorders' Open-Access Journal, SOSORT is a professional, reliable and acceptant platform to present the most relevant and current research in the field of scoliosis management.

Provision of Regularly Updated Consensus Guidelines:

Through this, we have an ever-expanding resource through which reviews of the evidence-based treatment of scoliosis can be completed and allows for a series recommendations to be easily accessed and applied by all clinicians. The use of both the scientific evidence available and the accumulated experience of the members within the Society allow for the development of a more rounded set of guidelines.



KEYDATES SOSORT LYON 2017

- Meeting
 - Pre-Course Day: May 3, 2017
 - Research Course: May 6, 2017
 - Meeting Opening: May 4, 2017
 - Bocuse Gala Dinner: May 5, 2017
- Abstract Submission
 - Abstract submission (Oral & Poster): September 1, 2016
 - **Abstract submission Deadline: December 31, 2016**
 - Abstract acceptance notice: February 15, 2017
- Registration
 - Opening of Registration: September 1, 2016
 - Deadline Early Bird Registration Fee: February 27, 2017
 - Deadline Standard Registration Fee: March 27, 2017
 - Closing of Online Registration: No closure. You will be able to register online until the last day.
 - Closing of Individual Registrations (email, mail): April 30, 2017
 - Closing of Group Registrations (email, mail): April 30, 2017
- Sponsoring
 - 1st deadline Spons. & Exhib. Applications: February 13, 2017
 - Exhibitors' Technical Manual available: August 2016
 - Final Payment for Sponsoring & Exhibition: April 6, 2017

REGISTRATION

You can register now on the official [website!](#)

Written by Larry Cohen

There is growing evidence suggesting that the sagittal alignment of the spine plays an important, if not the most important, role in the effective management of spine deformity. Our surgical colleagues have been discussing sagittal plane issues for quite some time and SOSORT, as part of our 2017 Lyon conference will be hosting a pre-meeting course on sagittal plane considerations. We will be conducting workshops on basic & advanced measurement and interpretation and management strategies of sagittal plane issues in deformity cases. France can be considered the birthplace of the modern attitude to sagittal plane deformity, and with many French surgeons also recognising the value of conservative management we look forward to a robust discussion and a valuable learning experience.

Pr Jean Dubousset, Orthopedic surgeon and doyen of spine deformity, will be awarded our Lifetime Honorary membership award and will be delivering his address on "The horizontal plane, harmony of soft and hard tissues of the distorted spine". Pr Dubousset's classic paper describing his "cone of economy" paradigm is referenced in almost all sagittal spine papers and talks and his further work on static and dynamic balance of the 3D spine should be fascinating to our membership.

Registration and abstract submissions are still open!

New Members Invited - Lyon 2017

Every year SOSORT has continued to grow in members and we invite all motivated and interested clinicians to take this chance to participate in SOSORT 2017. Returning to Lyon after a successful conference in 2009, SOSORT invites all potential new members to make the most of our return to Europe in 2017.

New members are especially welcome to consider the opportunity of attending the 'pre-conference educational session', where those clinicians less familiar with scoliosis management can become introduced to the background of the society and the treatment options available to patients internationally.

The historic city of Lyon is sure to be a fantastic base to further your own knowledge and learn from the some of the most respected and experienced conservative clinicians in scoliosis care. Please invite all your colleagues and friends to investigate just how much there is being done, and still to be done in the challenging field of conservative management of scoliosis.

BREAKING NEWS

[The Consensus Session part 1: Terminology](#), is now published.

Physiotherapy and bracing are closely linked, it is important that you as therapist has the opportunity to know the terminology we are using.

Part 2: *Classification*, will be finished at Lyon 2017.

10th ICEOS meeting in Utrecht, Holland

ICEOS 2016 was a great meeting. A record number of attendees from all over the World converged on Utrecht, Holland to learn about the latest ways to treat young people with scoliosis. While much of the meeting focused on new techniques including the magnetically controlled growing rod, one of the sessions focused on conservative treatment with Dr. Theodore Grivas updating the group about modern day options for bracing and Dr. Michael Vitale speaking about scoliosis specific physical therapy for early onset scoliosis.

You can find Dr. Grivas's presentation in [Research-Gate](#).

Professional Development Video

[Etiopathogenesis and Progression of Idiopathic Scoliosis, Multifactorial Aetiology. Made by Dr. Garikoitz Aristegui.](#)

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51st SRS meeting Prague - September 2016

SRS meeting Prague, September 2016

"Enthusiasm for and interest in conservative management of scoliosis continues to grow. In fact, this year at the 51st meeting of the Scoliosis Research Society in Prague, about 150 people crammed into a crowded room to hear a seminar and lively debate on the conservative management of scoliosis. After a series of didactic sessions focusing on evidence regarding conservative treatment strategies from around the World, a lively debate ensued between Dr David Skaggs of LA who took the "Con" position and Dr Michael Vitale of NY who took the "Pro" position. I'll leave it up to the audience to say who won!

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SRS 51st Annual Meeting (Prague) - Lunchtime Symposium

In 2016, for the first time, the SRS opened an invitation to SOSORT members as part of a Lunchtime Symposium on Conservative Management of Scoliosis. Below is a report by SOSORT Past President and founder, Stefano Negrini on his experience;

'From the SOSORT perspective, the lunch session about scoliosis specific exercises can be considered a success and it has definitely underlined the growing importance that the surgeons of SRS do begin to cautiously recognise this approach.

The session was interesting. Quite funny at the start; where we were required in three 6 minutes presentations to discuss the actual evidence in Europe (myself), North America (Eric Parent) and Asia. As if evidence would be world region specific! Evidence is evidence!

Then an MD (Dr. Nigel Price) and a Physiotherapist (Marissa Muccio) presented the experiences in the US specifically. Nigel Price gave the US surgeon perspective with a discussion on the prevailing pros as well as the cons and challenges, while Marissa presented a survey about Schroth that seems today to be the only scoliosis specific exercises approach known in the US.

Finally there were 2 US surgeons who discussed 2 different views (positive and negative) about exercises for scoliosis. Dr Michael Vitale underlined all the advantages beyond Cobb angle, while Dr David Skaggs reported the previous bad experience with new non invasive treatments like electrical stimulation that were embraced by many as the last novelty, but then failed in front of rigorous studies.

Personally, I intervened in my role as a SOSORT founder and Past President as I felt the need to stress that our community is similarly worried, due to the many approaches with no proof that are today proposed as effective while they could even be damaging patients.

It is clear that as SOSORT we achieved the goal of attracting attention on exercises as a treatment but we must do our best now not to fail in maintaining the high quality research and science in the field.'



More information about...

- [SOSORT website](#)
- [Official website of Lyon 2017](#)
- [SRS news](#)
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