

## Preliminary Programme Structure \*

EuroSpine is the leading European society in spine research, surgical and non-surgical treatment. Its members are specialising their professional careers to the study and treatment of conditions of the spine. The main topics of the meeting will be

- ▶ Growing Spine/Deformities
- ▶ Adult thoracolumbar, non-degenerative (trauma, tumor, infection) Cervical Spine
- ▶ Adult thoracolumbar, degenerative/Deformities
- ▶ Basic Science

	Tuesday, October 01	Wednesday, October 02	Thursday, October 03	Friday, October 04
08:30 – 10:00		Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme
10:00 – 10:30		Break		
10:30 – 12:00	Pre-Day Courses 11:00 – 17:00	Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme
12:00 – 14:00		SSE Symposia / Industry Workshops	SSE Symposia / Industry Workshops	SSE Symposia / Industry Workshops
14:00 – 15:20		Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme
15:20 – 15:50		Break		
15:50 – 17:30		Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme	Scientific Programme
17:30 – 18:00		Welcome Reception		Closing Remarks
18:00 – 19:00		Industry Workshops	General Assembly	Industry Workshops
19:00 – 20:00				
20:00		Official Congress Evening (at own expense)		

## Call for Papers – Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2013

Abstracts need to be submitted online at [www.eurospine.org](http://www.eurospine.org), where the submission guidelines and information on the review process can also be found. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **Friday, March 15, 2013**.

If, for some valid reason, you are unable to submit your abstract in the format described on the website or if you encounter any problems with your online abstract submission, please contact the Scientific Secretariat (contact details see back cover).

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Tim Pigott and Martin Wilby  
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### Dates to Remember

Registration, Submission of Abstracts	from Thursday, November 15, 2012
Deadline for Abstract Submission	Friday, March 15, 2013
Deadline Early Bird Fee	Monday, June 10, 2013
Preliminary Submission Deadline EuroSpine Award	Thursday, August 1, 2013
Deadline Late Registration	Thursday, September 12, 2013*

\*after this date, onsite fees will apply

[www.eurospine2013.eu](http://www.eurospine2013.eu)



# EUROSPINE 2013

## 2nd Announcement and Call for Papers

October 2 – 4, 2013  
ACC Liverpool, United Kingdom

### Welcome Message from the Local Hosts

We are very proud to welcome you to Liverpool for EuroSpine 2013. This is the second time the meeting will be held in the United Kingdom, with a very early meeting of the original European Spine Society having been held 1992 in Cambridge. Liverpool is a city steeped in history with a rich cultural heritage. It is a thriving, stylish, cosmopolitan and vibrant place, renowned for its strong maritime history, as well as its passion for music, the arts, culture and sport. Liverpool was European Capital of Culture in 2008 and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Liverpool City Region has an unbeatable variety of world class museums, galleries and theatres, as well as stunning architecture and a spectacular waterfront. As birthplace of the “Fab Four”, it has found a permanent place in musical history.

EuroSpine 2013 is the ideal occasion for all spinal health professionals to come together. With the experience gained from several successful EuroSpine congresses as well as the feedback provided by a continuously growing number of participants, we hope to set up a wide-ranging and versatile programme of degenerative, tumour and traumatic spinal pathologies, which will give us the chance to reflect on the latest spinal research and innovation.

Our venue is the world class, award-winning Arena and Convention Centre (ACC Liverpool), situated on the city's waterfront, adjacent to Albert Dock. ACC Liverpool was launched in 2008 and has hosted many high-profile events, concerts and conferences, including the MTV Europe Music Awards and the BBC Sports Personality of The Year Awards. Liverpool itself is served by two international airports and is just over 2 hours away by train from London.

We believe you will enjoy visiting our city and exploring its rich cultural heritage, while taking the opportunity to network with colleagues from around the globe at the most prestigious event of the year for our profession. We look forward to seeing you in Liverpool.



Tim Pigott



Martin Wilby

### Welcome Message from the Incoming President of EuroSpine

Dear Friends, dear Colleagues and Spine Specialists,

It is my great honour to invite you to join the Spine Society of Europe (SSE) at its next annual scientific meeting, EuroSpine 2013, to be held in Liverpool UK from October 2 to 4.

Our aim is to offer a forum that will stimulate knowledge exchange and generate ideas in the field of research, prevention and treatment of spinal disorders and related problems. As with our previous meetings, EuroSpine 2013 promises to be a great scientific and social success. The 2013 meeting will maintain the highest academic standards, improved yearly by the SSE Programme Committee. The conference will include instructional pre-day courses, the best abstract submissions blindly selected for oral presentations, concurrent focused sessions, symposia, industry workshops, challenging prime-time debates and e-posters.

EuroSpine 2013 will be organised by our Local Hosts Tim Pigott and Martin Wilby. Liverpool is always worth a visit, and I am convinced that in this atmosphere, we will enjoy a challenging and stimulating scientific programme while taking advantage of wonderful opportunities for socialising. The Spine Society of Europe, together with the European Spine Journal and the EuroSpine Foundation, established in 2007 to empower the Society, are coordinating the efforts undertaken within and outside Europe to further develop the field of spinal disorders and improve the health and fitness of present and forthcoming generations.

On behalf of the local hosts and the Society, I look forward to welcoming you to our 16th Annual Meeting in Liverpool from October 2 to 4, 2013. I would also like to encourage you to become an SSE member and participate actively in the tremendous development of our speciality.



Ferran Pellisé Urquiza



## Congress Venue

Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool (ACC)  
Kings Dock, Liverpool Waterfront, L3 4FP  
United Kingdom

ACC Liverpool, home to BT Convention Centre and Echo Arena, is a spectacular world class venue situated on the River Mersey, in the heart of Liverpool. Purpose-built, unique, flexible and one of the largest in the UK, ACC Liverpool combines state of the art technology with cutting edge design. The only directly interconnected arena and convention centre in Europe, gives event organisers a total of 7.125m<sup>2</sup> exhibition space.

## General Information

### Passports and Visas

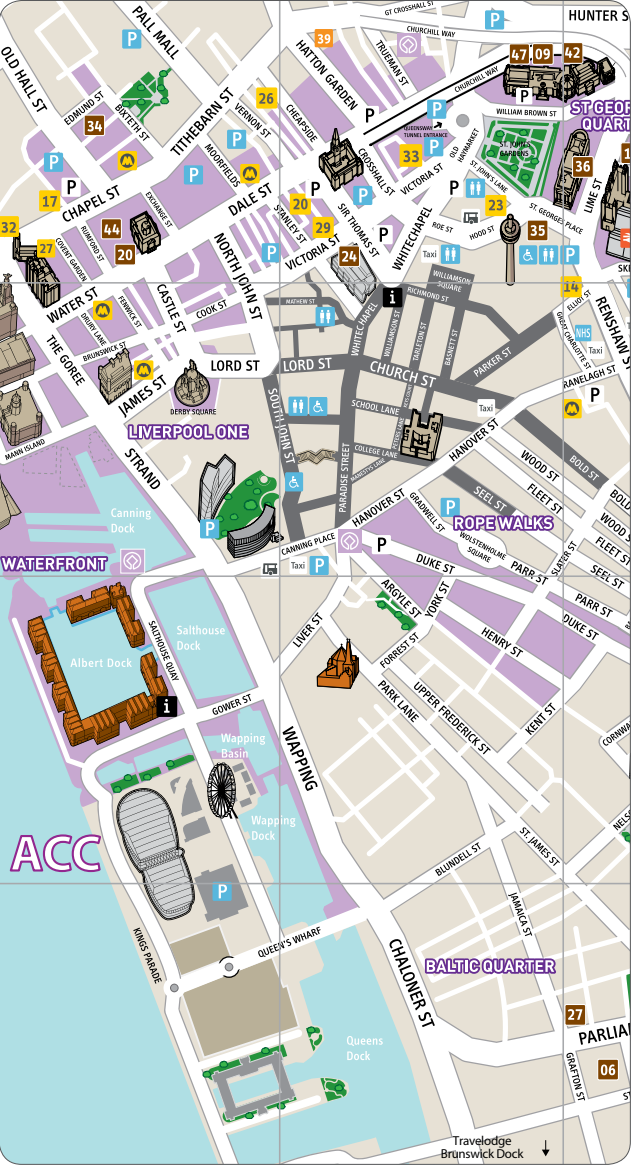
Your passport or EEA National Identity Card must be valid for the duration of your stay in the UK. You may need to acquire a visa before you travel to Britain, if you are not a British citizen or a citizen of one of the European Economic Area (EEA) countries. If in doubt, please check with your nearest British embassy, consulate ([www.visitbritain.com](http://www.visitbritain.com)), or your airline.

### Language

The language spoken in the United Kingdom is English which is also the official congress language.

### Liability

Mondial GmbH & Co. KG shall act as organiser only and cannot be held responsible for any loss incurred or any damage inflicted on persons or objects irrespective of whatsoever cause. The liability for transport and other service companies shall not be affected by the above. Only written agreements shall be valid. The place of jurisdiction shall be Vienna.



## EuroSpine Awards and Travel Grants

In order to encourage research in the field of spinal disorders, the Spine Society of Europe will award several prizes which will be presented at the EuroSpine 2013 meeting and published in the European Spine Journal.

### EuroSpine Full Paper Award – EUR 10.000,00

The award will be chosen out of:

- ▶ the seven best abstract submissions for the 2013 EuroSpine meeting
- ▶ full papers, to be submitted to [info@eurospine.org](mailto:info@eurospine.org) (e-version, pdf) deadline March 15, 2013

**From submitted abstracts:** The authors of the selected abstracts will be informed after the Meeting of the Program Committee end of May 2013: they will be invited to submit a full paper manuscript until Thursday, August 1, 2013.

**Full paper Submission:** the paper has to be written according to the guidelines of the European Spine Journal. The manuscript must be in English and the material has to be original and not previously published or submitted for publication. To present the paper and in order to receive the award, at least one author of the winning paper must attend at his/her own expense EuroSpine 2013.

Besides receiving the award, the winning paper goes into the first issue of the following year's European Spine Journal. The remaining award submissions selected from abstracts will receive special treatment for

accelerated publication in the ESJ:

- ▶ the paper should aim to promote best practice in the management of spinal conditions
- ▶ it should report clinical research with a clear impact on daily practice
- ▶ at least one of the authors should be a EuroSpine member or candidate member.

More information available at:

<http://www.eurospine.org/awards>

### Additional award during the EuroSpine meeting:

- ▶ Best EuroSpine Podium Presentation Award EUR 2.000,00

### EuroSpine Travel Grants

EuroSpine aims to offer all colleagues from Europe and beyond the opportunity to attend its Annual Meeting, regardless of the individual economic situation. The responsibility for selection remains with the EuroSpine Programme Committee.

Financial support and waived registration fee will be made available for applicants who fulfil the following criteria:

- ▶ Applicant must have an accepted abstract in the EuroSpine scientific programme (presentation, quick fire or poster)
- ▶ Age of applicant is 35 years or below
- ▶ Applicant must supply current CV

Applications have to be submitted to:  
[eurospine2013@mondial-congress.com](mailto:eurospine2013@mondial-congress.com)

## Registration

Please register online at [www.eurospine2013.eu](http://www.eurospine2013.eu)

Registration Fees	Early Bird Fee until Monday, June 10, 2013	Late Fee until Thursday, September 12, 2013	Onsite Fee from Friday, September 13, 2013
<b>Meeting</b>			
EuroSpine Member	EUR 350,00	EUR 400,00	EUR 450,00
Non Member	EUR 630,00	EUR 680,00	EUR 730,00
Resident, Fellow Basic Scientist *	EUR 150,00	EUR 150,00	EUR 150,00
<b>Pre-Day Courses</b>			
EuroSpine Member / 2011 Congress Participant:	EUR 30,00	EUR 30,00	EUR 30,00
Non Member	EUR 50,00	EUR 50,00	EUR 50,00
Residents / Fellows / Basic Scientists*	EUR 30,00	EUR 30,00	EUR 30,00
Official Congress Evening	EUR 70,00	EUR 80,00	EUR 90,00

\*upon presentation of a letter signed by his / her Hospital / Clinic Supervisor or his / her University/Laboratory, stating his / her status

All fees are including local taxes if applicable. The conference hosts reserve the right to adjust registration fees to exchange rate development.

### Participant's Registration Fee includes

- ▶ Admission to all scientific sessions
- ▶ Admission to the workshops organised by the Industry
- ▶ Congress materials (congress bag, final programme, abstract publication, name badge)
- ▶ Access to the exhibition
- ▶ Coffee breaks
- ▶ Opening Ceremony, Wednesday, October 2, 2013
- ▶ Welcome Reception / Exhibition Opening, Wednesday, October 2, 2013

### Group Registration (10 or more registrations)

This is done via individual contracts. For group registration, we kindly ask you to contact the Organising Secretariat to arrange details (contact details see back cover).

### Terms and Conditions

Please note that the registrations can only be accepted and confirmed upon receipt of the completed on-line registration and receipt of full payment.

As soon as the Organising Secretariat has received your payment, a letter of confirmation will be e-mailed to you.

### Cancellations

Refunds – less EUR 40,00 administrative fee – will be granted to delegates unable to attend, provided written notice is received by Mondial Congress & Events by the early bird registration deadline. No refunds will be granted for cancellations received after this date. Name changes are accepted until Thursday, September 12, 2013 at an extra charge of EUR 20,00. Amounts due will be reimbursed after the Congress.

## Liverpool

Liverpool is a city like no other. From world famous architecture, magnificent museums, to music legends revolutionising popular culture, Liverpool has always been a hub of business and creativity. Through spectacular festivals, dramatic sporting attractions and unique art, it continues to be a gateway for UK business and culture, attracting millions of visitors every year. Liverpool is a natural base for creative and entrepreneurial people. It is one of the UK's leading enterprise cities – a place where new ideas, products and services are created.



### Access from European Destinations

Liverpool John Lennon Airport is only seven miles from Liverpool city centre and offers more than 60 inbound UK and European routes. Carriers such as easyJet and Ryanair offer convenient and cost effective air travel from most major European cities.

[www.liverpoolairport.com](http://www.liverpoolairport.com)

Manchester Airport is only 50 minutes from Liverpool city centre and is the main transportation hub for the north of England. It is served by over 100 airlines, with direct flights from most of Europe and from North America (Atlanta, New York JFK and Newark, Toronto, Vancouver), the Arabian Gulf (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha), Singapore and Pakistan. Manchester Airport has a regular coach/bus and train service running directly to Liverpool.

[www.manchesterairport.com](http://www.manchesterairport.com)

### Access from UK Destinations

The easiest way to get to Liverpool from a UK destination is by train to Liverpool's mainline train station, Liverpool Lime Street. Virgin Trains offer a direct high-speed service from the centre of London in a little over two hours as well as fast connections from Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow.

## Accommodation Information

Rooms have been pre-blocked at competitive rates at Hotels from various categories and styles. Rooms are allotted on a "first come, first served" basis. Therefore, you are highly encouraged to book your room in due course to safeguard availability.

Details on all hotels including rates, descriptions and location maps are available on the Congress website [www.eurospine2013.eu](http://www.eurospine2013.eu).