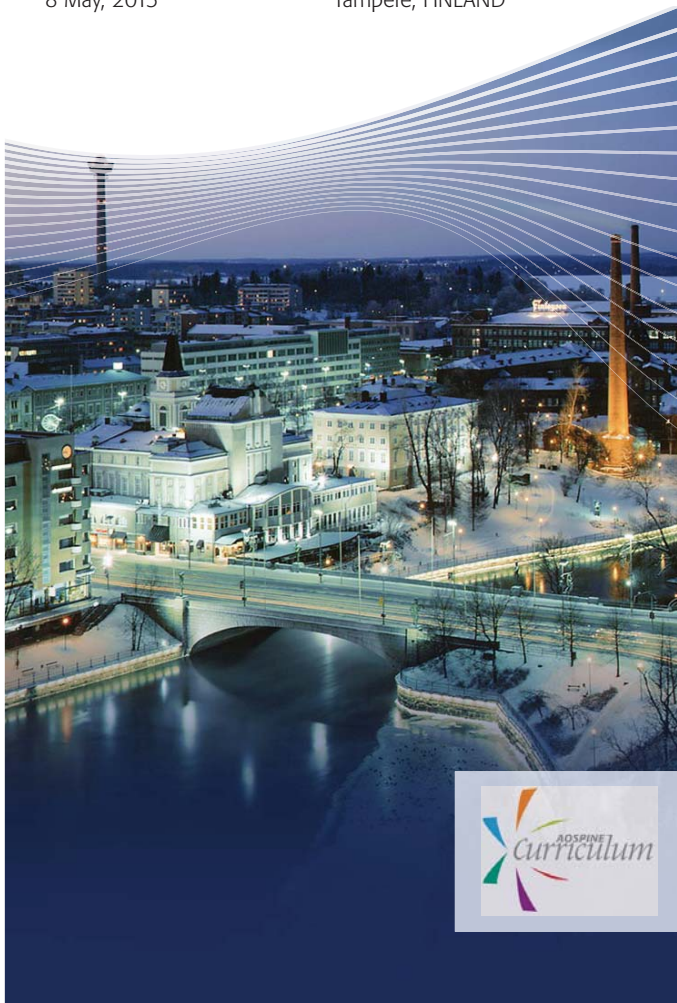


First Announcement

AOSpine Principles Level Specimen Course—Posterior thoracolumbar spinal stabilisation

8 May, 2015

Tampere, FINLAND



Welcome to Tampere

Dear colleagues,

Spinal surgery is still one of the most challenging subspecialties of orthopaedic surgery and neurosurgery. Residents and young specialists getting involved in spinal surgery are thus confronted with highly technical and less forgiving surgical techniques, requiring several years of training to master.

To improve the surgical skills of becoming spinal surgeons besides theoretical knowledge practical training is essential. The availability of practical training sessions will therefore boost the clinical career of our young surgeons.

The AOSpine Principles Cadaver Course is therefore a much sought-after training opportunity, using a traditional human cadaver model. Basic techniques of access to the thoracolumbar spine, as well as decompression and stabilisation techniques will be taught during this loaded one-day course. The experienced international faculty guarantees for a great learning experience and the accessibility of the venue together with the considerably low course fee provides a great opportunity for trainees and alike to join this course.

Welcome to Tampere in Finland.

Sincerely,



Yohan Robinson
Chairperson
Uppsala, Sweden



Teija Lund
Educational Advisor
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Description of the Course

The AOSpine Principles Cadaver Course is held in the new cadaver training facilities of Tampere University. Multiple spinal surgical techniques will be explained and discussed in short lectures by the national and international faculty.

The concept of this event is new in the Nordic region and gives young surgeons the unique possibility to improve in surgical skills outside the operating theatre.

Target Participants

Target audiences for this course are orthopaedic surgeons and neurosurgeons in training or early in their specialist position interested in getting involved in spinal surgery. Ideally the participant would have some experience with spinal surgery patients, but limited personal skills of surgical techniques.

Course Objectives

The main goal of this course is that all participants understand the main principles of lumbar spinal surgery. Furthermore the participants will gain confidence in performing basic spinal surgical techniques such as lumbar decompression and fusion techniques. Additionally the participants will have the opportunity to get involved in problem solving in typical spinal surgery cases presented by the faculty.

Proposed Faculty

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| • Alexander Gubin | Russia |
| • Daniel Haschtmann | Switzerland |
| • Rolf Riise | Norway |
| • Marko Neva | Finland |
| • Taavi Toomela | Estonia |
| • Tero Järvinen | Finland |
| • Jyrki Salmenkivi | Finland |
| • Jarmo Välipakka | Finland |

Overview

Friday, 8 May, 2015

Session 1:

- Surgical anatomy of the TL spine
- Pedicle screw placement in the thoracic and lumbar spine
- Case discussions: Complications of pedicle screw placement

Session 2: Cadaver lab

- Thoracic and lumbar pedicle screw placement

Session 3:

- Decompression techniques in the lumbar spine
- PLIF and TLIF in lumbar fusion

Session 4: Cadaver lab

- Decompression and posterior interbody fusion

Session 4: Case Discussions - finish time: 16:45

Social Program - (Open to all participants)

Participant Dinner - 20:30 to 22:30

Please note: The social program is completely separate to academic program. Participants must cover the costs of the social program activities themselves separately.

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Information and Registration

Online: <http://TAMPERE1505.aospine.org>

Course fee

AOSpine members	TBA - registration not open
AOSpine non-members	TBA - registration not open

Included in course fee

Course certificate, course bag, course materials, lunch & coffee breaks, course dinner

CME Accreditation

An application has been made to the UEMS-EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event

Venue

Tampere Surgical Education Centre Teiskontie 35 FI-33521 Tampere FINLAND	Phone: +358 3 311 69599 website: http://www.pshp.fi
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Hotel - NB: All participants must book their own rooms

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