

President-Elect

Role:	President-Elect as part of the Presidential Line
Reporting to:	President
Term:	Single term of one year
From:	1 November
To:	31 October
Staff support:	Delegate of the ExCom, Director of Meetings and Operations, Director of Education and Research

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Overview

The President-Elect is a core member of EUROSPINE's Presidential Line, which comprises the President, Vice-President, Past President, President-Elect, and Secretary. Working in partnership with the President and Vice-President, the President-Elect plays an integral role in charting the Society's strategic direction, representing EUROSPINE externally, and preparing to transition seamlessly into the Presidency the following year.

Key Responsibilities

1. Collaborative Leadership

- Serve alongside the President and Vice-President as a trusted partner, contributing proactively to leadership discussions and decisions.
- Offer insight on high-level Society initiatives (e.g., membership growth, financial oversight, scientific conferences, and research programmes) while sharing accountability for outcomes.

2. Joint Representation

- Represent EUROSPINE jointly with the President and Vice-President, participating in key engagements with other societies, stakeholders, and industry partners.
- Demonstrate strong communication and advocacy skills, ensuring consistent messages and goals across leadership.

3. Active Participation in Governance

- Participate fully in Executive Committee (ExCom) meetings, bi-weekly Presidential Line calls, and any strategic workshops.
- Work closely with the Presidential Line and other ExCom members to provide diverse perspectives on emerging challenges or opportunities.

4. Preparation for the Presidency

- Familiarise yourself thoroughly with the Society's operational structures, budgets, and strategic priorities by collaborating with the Delegate of the ExCom and both Directors (Meetings & Operations, Education & Research).

- Engage in shadowing opportunities so that the responsibilities of the Presidency may be taken on without interruption.

5. Support and Partnership

- Assist the President and Vice-President in convening ExCom meetings, shaping agendas, and setting priorities, particularly where additional perspectives or help in facilitation are needed.
- Cooperate closely with the Vice-President to ensure continuity and coverage if the President is ever absent or otherwise engaged.

Requirements / Eligibility

- Must be a Standard, Premium, or Fellow Member in good standing under EUROSPINE's Statutes.
- Ideally has prior service on the Executive Committee or as a Council/Committee Chair.
- Demonstrates commitment to EUROSPINE's mission, vision, and strategic plan, plus the ability to dedicate considerable time to Society activities.
- Fluent in English and fully compliant with the Society's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy.

Meetings and Benefits

- **Attendance:** Participation in ExCom meetings (2–4 times a year), the Annual Meeting, and the General Assembly is required. The President-Elect also takes part in online calls for ongoing projects or urgent matters.
- **Support:** Entitled to complimentary Annual Meeting registration, up to four nights of hotel accommodation, and travel reimbursement (subject to EUROSPINE's overall financial position).
- **Representation:** Invited to the Presidential dinner and other official events, reflecting their status and forthcoming transition to the Presidency.