

General Terms and Conditions for EUROSPINE Membership

Note to Member: By submitting your application to become a Member of EUROSPINE, you are agreeing to these application process terms and conditions. Please carefully review these terms and conditions, and the Society's Statutes [link provided below] as they govern your rights and obligations as a prospective Member. Please note that your submission of your application for membership constitutes your acceptance and agreement to be bound by these terms and conditions.

A. Membership Categories

EUROSPINE, the Spine Society of Europe, comprises the following membership categories: EUROSPINE Digital, EUROSPINE Standard, EUROSPINE Premium, and EUROSPINE Fellow members. As a general rule, prospective members in any membership category cannot be for-profit or commercial enterprises nor their employees or contractors engaged in the design, manufacture, sales or marketing of medical prosthetics, devices or related therapeutic materials in the areas of spine and other medical fields.

EUROSPINE DIGITAL MEMBERS may be individuals, or medical practitioners working or involved in the field of spinal disorders and their related problems that may cooperate and collaborate with EUROSPINE, but with limited membership benefits as described in paragraph C - Membership Benefits. EUROSPINE Digital Members are not eligible for committees or task forces, and do not have voting rights.

EUROSPINE STANDARD MEMBERS are medical doctors and other professionals who are engaged in research into or management of the prevention and treatment of spinal disorders and their related problems. Standard Membership benefits are listed below in paragraph C - Membership Benefits.

EUROSPINE PREMIUM MEMBERS are medical doctors and other professionals who are engaged in research into or management of the prevention and treatment of spinal disorders and their related problems. Premium Membership benefits are listed below in paragraph B - Membership Fees & Benefits.

EUROSPINE FELLOW MEMBERS are, without any formality, Members who are past Society Presidents and Honorary Members who have made outstanding contributions to the Society and/or in the field of spinal disorders and their related problems.

B. Admission, Member Rights and Obligations, Suspension and Expulsion

The Executive Committee oversees Member admissions, Member rights and obligations, in accordance with the Membership Committee pre-ratification process. The Executive Committee also decides on the suspension and expulsion of EUROSPINE Members. Details regarding a Member's rights and obligations, as well as grounds for suspension (inactive status) and expulsion are outlined in the society's Statutes [https://www.eurospine.org/fileadmin/About_us/Membership/EUROSPINE_Statutes_Oct2022.pdf].

C. Member Benefits

- EUROSPINE Digital Membership includes the following benefits:
 - Access to the EUROSPINE digital content library
 - Access to exclusive virtual events

- Networking opportunities with peers
- Reduced fees for online courses and orders in the education shop
- Access to CME accredited online courses

- EUROSPINE Standard Membership includes the following benefits:
 - All benefits EUROSPINE digital Membership
 - Access to exclusive Members-only events & facilities
 - Reduced fees for Annual Meeting (25% discount fee), Spring Speciality Meeting (25% discount fee) & eduweek (10% discount)
 - 50% discount publication fee brain & spine journal
 - Access to research grants
 - Full voting rights at GA
 - Active participation in committees and task forces
 - Option to participate in Spine Tango

- EUROSPINE Premium Membership includes the following benefits:
 - All benefits EUROSPINE Standard Membership
 - Reduced fees for Annual Meeting (40% discount early fee and regular fee), Spring Speciality Meeting (40% discount early fee and regular fee) & eduweek (20% discount)

- EUROSPINE Fellow Membership includes the following benefits:
 - Free Registration for Annual Meeting, Spring Speciality Meeting, eduweek
 - Invitation to EUROSPINE Social Events & gatherings

D. Membership Fees, Term & Payment

The Executive Committee determines the annual membership fees, and any changes thereto, in accordance with the Society's Internal Rules. All Members, except for EUROSPINE Fellow Members, shall be required to pay the applicable annual membership fee for admission to, and maintaining their membership in good standing.

The current annual fee for each of the membership categories is as follows:

EUROSPINE Digital: Seventy Euros (70 €) per year

EUROSPINE Standard: One Hundred and Forty Euros (140 €) per year

EUROSPINE Premium: Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Euros (375 €) for a minimum three year term

EUROSPINE Fellow: No charge

Members choosing an Annual Digital or Standard membership agree to pay the above-referenced annual fee subscription for the corresponding membership category via the online payment application, that will be automatically charged at the start of the term of membership. To avoid future charges after the initial term, members will be required to cancel their membership before the renewal term at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the renewal term, failing which the term of membership will be automatically renewed. All Members acknowledge and agree that EUROSPINE may store and continue billing the payment method (e.g. credit card) to ensure uninterrupted access to Membership services, subject to the right of cancellation described above.

Members choosing a Premium membership of three (3) years will be required to provide written notice of his/her election to renew the Premium membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the third year of the term in order to renew their membership for an additional three (3) year term, or else opt for a Digital or Standard membership as described above.

Each year of a term of membership runs from January 1, and terminates on December 31st of the same calendar year, regardless of when the membership commences, and without any proration of the annual membership fee, or applicable taxes.

It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure that the annual fee (or in the case of a Premium Membership, a tri-annual fee) and any automatic renewal thereof is settled within thirty (30) days from the date of invoice.

Late Payment

Failure to settle membership fee payments can result in the membership being placed on inactive status and suspension of all Member benefits, including but not limited to login access and the loss of reduced fees and other discounts for EUROSPINE events.

Failure by a Member to settle the annual membership fee for two consecutive years can result in immediate expulsion from the Society. Once expelled, a candidate will only be eligible for re-admission following an evaluation by the Society's Membership Committee and acceptance by the Executive Committee, based in part on the expelled Member's letter of motivation to the Membership Committee.

Refunds

As a general rule, annual membership fees are non-refundable. The Executive Committee may, in exceptional cases, agree to a partial or full refund based on the factors presented by the Member. Any refunds may be subject to reasonable changes and expenses incurred by the Society.

Currency Conversion Costs, Bank Charges etc.

All payments made through this online payment facility must be made in € (Euros). Any currency conversion costs or other charges incurred in making the payment or in processing a refund shall be borne solely by the Member or the third party making the payment on behalf of the Member, and shall be in addition to, and in no event offset or deductible from the full amount due.

Payments by Third Parties

Payment of fees by a person or organisation other than the Member must include full contact information regarding the Member so as to allow the Society to determine the Member for whom the payment is made. Correspondence regarding third party payer transactions will not be provided: no invoices, or payment receipts will be issued.

Data Protection and Security

You hereby acknowledge that by applying for membership via this online application, your personal data will be processed. EUROSPINE is concerned about your privacy and has developed a policy to address privacy concerns. For more information, please see EUROSPINE's Privacy Policy found here (<https://www.eurospine.org/privacy-policy/>). Any personal information collected here will be accessed, stored and treated in accordance with EUROSPINE's Privacy Policy.

Governing Law

These general Terms for EUROSPINE Membership shall be governed by and constructed in accordance with the laws of Switzerland and the Member hereby submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Swiss courts located in Zurich, Switzerland.

April 11, 2024