

Spine Research Section

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Spine in Motion: The ORS Spine Section's Journey and Vision

Time	Presenter Institution	Topic/Focus
1:00 – 1:05 PM	Dino Samartzis <i>Rush University Medical Center</i>	Welcome and Overview of Spine Section and Past Year
1:05 – 1:30 PM	Moderated by: Neharika Bhadouria <i>Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</i>	Part 1: Founders Chat <i>Fackson Mwale, James Iatridis, Makarand Risbud, Jeffrey C. Lotz, Nam Vo, Sibylle Grad, Lisbet Haglund</i>
1:30 – 2:40 PM	Moderated by: Gabriela Graziani <i>San Raffaele Rome University</i> Rahul Gawri <i>University Health Network University of Toronto</i>	Part 2: Looking Forward <i>Featuring Italy Guest Nation Members</i> Introduction Dino Samartzis Infections of the Spine and Future Therapeutics <i>Gabriela Graziani</i> Translational Challenges: Why You Need and Do Not Need a Clinician <i>Ashish Diwan</i> The Global Disc Lab: What We Learned by Sharing People, Protocols, and Proofs <i>Dai Sakai</i> Clinical Perspectives: From Spine Research to Regeneration – The Power of International Collaboration <i>Gianluca Vadala</i> Intelligence Based Spine Care: The Impact of AI on Precision Medicine for Spine Disorders <i>Fabio Galbusera</i> What's Been Done and Where Are We Headed Karin Wuertz-Kozak Q&A
2:40 – 2:50 PM		Group Picture



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2:50 – 3:05 PM	Keita Ito, EiC, JOR Spine <i>Eindhoven University of Technology</i>	
3:05 – 3:35 PM	Karin Wuertz-Kozak <i>Rochester Institute of Technology</i> Dino Samartzis <i>Rush University Medical Center</i>	Part 3: Awards Session
3:35 – 3:45 PM	Karin Wuertz-Kozak <i>Rochester Institute of Technology</i>	Wrap Up and Instructions for Reception