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20th

**CONFERENCE
PROGRAM**

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**APRIL 23-26,
2025**

WELCOME LETTER BY SOSORT PRESIDENT

Two decades of learning, innovation, and shared knowledge — this is SOSORT!

Can you imagine how much scoliosis rehabilitation has evolved over the years? It all began with advocating for the role of conservative care, which was once disregarded by many. Since then, SOSORT has witnessed and contributed to groundbreaking advancements: the recognition of the **sagittal plane** as the most functional aspect of the spine. The **BRAIST study**—a game-changing RCT that reshaped our understanding. The **standardization of objective measures of compliance**, was first reported at SOSORT. Innovations in **diagnostic tools** like surface topography and raster stereography, ultrasound, and low-dose radiation imaging.

And the future holds even more! With **3D printing and AI**, we are on the brink of new possibilities. SOSORT continues to play a crucial role in guiding these technologies to benefit both clinicians and patients as they navigate the challenges of scoliosis treatment.

A heartfelt thanks to those who envisioned and founded SOSORT as a hub for advancing scoliosis rehabilitation. For me, and many of you, this journey has been incredible—and for those joining SOSORT for the first time, it will be even more exciting!

I am honored to welcome you to the **2025 Annual Meeting**. The entire SOSORT team has worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. I am deeply grateful to all the members who volunteered their time to support the organization of our **20th annual meeting** and contribute to SOSORT's committees.

SOSORT is all of us. This meeting has been designed for the growth of our society and to fulfill our shared vision.

Let us always remember: at the core of everything we do is the well-being of scoliosis patients. Our mission is to provide better treatment to patients around the world.

Welcome, everyone! Enjoy the experience, embrace the opportunity to learn, and be ready to share your insights—for the benefit of scoliosis patients everywhere!

Sabrina Donzelli, MD Msc, SOSORT President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Donzelli', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

SOSORT 2025 SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Scientific Committee is dedicated to ensuring the quality of the research communicated in SOSORT. The Scientific Committee also periodically conducts consensus exercises and guidelines update initiatives.

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Wednesday, 23rd April 2025

Breakfast & Registration

07:00 - 08:30 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Welcome and SOSORT 20 years and Pre Conference Aim and Evolution

08:30 - 08:38 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Presentation type Pre-course Lectures

Sabrina Donzelli

Pre-course Session 1: Adult scoliosis

08:38 - 10:30 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Presentation type Pre-course Lectures

Amy Sbihli, Aynur Metin Terzibasoglu

Manuel Rigo, MD. *Adult Scoliosis and Assessment*

Jean Claude de Mauroy, MD. *Adult Scoliosis and Bracing*

Alessandra Negrini, PT. *Adult Scoliosis and PSSE*

Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:00 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Presentation type Coffee Break

Pre-Course Session 2: Time in brace

11:00 - 13:00 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Presentation type Pre-course Lectures

Tony Betts, Corinne Reynolds

Jan Matussek, MD. *Time in brace; Best Candidate*

Luke Stikeleather, CPO. *Time in brace; Which Brace*

Amy Sbihli, MPT, DPT. *Time in brace; Family and Patient Education*

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Presentation type Lunch

Pre-Course Session 3 : Breakout sessions

14:00 - 17:15 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Presentation type Pre-course Lectures

Room 1 Bracing- Principles of Correction: (Moderating; Martin Matthews, CPO (EC), Sebastian Hoebink, CPI, Silke Auler, M.Sc.)

Room 2 - PSSE Principles of Correction (Moderating; Tony Betts, PT(EC), Amy Sbihli, MPT, DPT (EC), Alessandra Negrini, PT)

Room 3 - Scientific Research Principles (Moderators; Lori Dolan, PhD, Eric Parent, PT, PhD)

Closing Remarks

17:15 - 17:30 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Presentation type Pre-course Lectures

Welcome Reception

18:30 - 20:00 Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025

Pool terrace at Hotel Palace

Breakfast & Registration

07:00 - 08:00 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Welcome to SOSORT 2025

08:00 - 08:03 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Sunciça Bulat Wursching

Session 1: Bracing

08:03 - 10:00 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Fabio Zaina, Angelo Gabriele Aulisa

Coffee Break and Exhibitor Viewing/ Poster Session

10:00 - 10:30 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Coffee Break & Posters / Exhibitors viewing

Oxford Abstract System and Information

10:30 - 10:36 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Elias Diarbakerli

Scientific Committee Chair shares information and tips about the Oxford Abstract System

Session 2: Etiology and Pathogenesis

10:36 - 11:30 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Elias Diarbakerli, Tomasz Kotwicki

SCOLIOSIS RESEARCH SOCIETY Presidential Lecture: Dr Laurel Blakemore M.D., Ph.D.

11:30 - 12:00 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Guest lecture

Sabrina Donzelli

Group Photo

12:00 - 12:05 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

SPONSORED EVENT "Lunch & Learn" 3D printing in scoliosis treatment - the future is here.

12:05 - 13:00 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Lunch & Posters / Exhibitors viewing

Sponsored by 3DScolio. Moderated by Andreas Würsching.

Session 3: Exercise

13:00 - 15:00 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Larry Cohen, Garikoitz Aristegui

Coffee Break and Exhibitor Viewing/ Poster Session

15:00 - 15:30 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Coffee Break & Posters / Exhibitors viewing

Session 4: Imaging and Assessment

15:30 - 17:00 Thursday, 24th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Patrick Knott, Dariusz Czaprowski

Breakfast & Registration

07:00 - 08:00 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Introduction Award Session

08:00 - 08:03 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Elias Diarbakerli

Session 5: SOSORT Award Nominees

08:03 - 10:00 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Sanja Schreiber, Isis Navarro

Coffee Break and Exhibitor Viewing / Poster Session

10:00 - 10:30 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type Coffee Break & Posters / Exhibitors viewing

Guest Lecture: Dr Kariman Abelin-Genevois M.D., Ph.D.

10:30 - 10:55 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type Guest lecture

Olavo Biraghi Letaif

Invitation to SOSORT 2026: Sabrina Donzelli M.D.

10:55 - 11:05 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Sabrina Donzelli

SOSORT PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE: Sabrina Donzelli, M.D.

11:05 - 11:35 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type Guest lecture

Sunciça Bulat Wursching

Celebrating 20 years of SOSORT

11:35 - 12:00 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type Guest lecture

Prachi Bakarania

How it all began - Manuel Rigo

SOSORT's pillars of progress - Stefano Negrini

The evolution of research - Eric Parent

Where is SOSORT today - Sabrina Donzelli

Where should SOSORT go from here? - Suncica Bulat Wursching

SPONSORED EVENT "Lunch & Learn" PSSE-Schroth method: Recent Advancements in Scoliosis Treatment.

12:00 - 13:00 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type Lunch & Posters / Exhibitors viewing

Lunch and learn sponsored by Schroth Scoliosis & Spine Clinic. Moderated by Nikos Karavidas.

Session 6: Quality of Life, Patient-Reported Outcome and Telehealth / Technology/ Digital health/ Apps

13:00 - 14:30 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Merve Damla Korkmaz, Arnold Wong

SOSORT Business Meeting: Members only

14:30 - 15:30 Friday, 25th April, 2025

Presentation type General Assembly Meeting

Opening Remarks – Sabrina Donzelli, President

Recognitions – 2025

Treasurer Report – Larry Cohen, Treasurer

Scientific Committee – Elias Diarbakerli, Chair

Communication Committee

Education Committee – Amy Sbihli, Chair

Future Annual Meetings:

- Turin 2026
- SpineWeek 2027
- Proposals for 2028?

Election of New Board Members at Large – Prachi Bakarania, Secretary of the Board

Membership Committee – Isis Navarro, Chair

Vote on New Members

Comments / Questions

Closing Remarks

Gala Dinner & Cruise (*TICKET REQUIRED*)

16:00 - 23:00 Friday, 25th April, 2025

This event requires a special pre-paid ticket. We will be departing on buses from outside of the hotel at 4:30 PM. We will be cruising from 5:00 PM.

Saturday, 26th April, 2025

Breakfast

07:00 - 08:30 Saturday, 26th April, 2025

Session 7: Healthcare systems/ Policies /Screening and Imaging and Assessment

08:30 - 10:00 Saturday, 26th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Eric Parent, Stefano Negrini

Coffee Break and Exhibitor Viewing

10:00 - 10:30 Saturday, 26th April, 2025

Presentation type Coffee Break & Posters / Exhibitors viewing

Session 8: Bracing, Quality of Life and Patient-Reported Outcome and Exercise

10:30 - 12:00 Saturday, 26th April, 2025

Presentation type Oral presentations

Pavel Cerny, Nikos Karavidas

Concluding Remarks and Award Announcements

12:00 - 12:10 Saturday, 26th April, 2025

Presentation type General Assembly Meeting

Sunciça Bulat Wursching, Sabrina Donzelli

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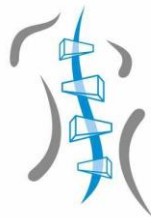
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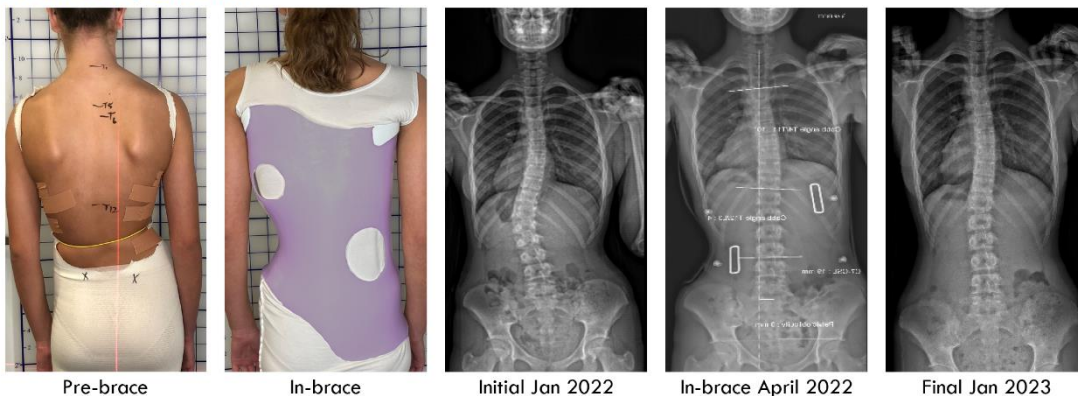
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