

AOSpine Europe (AOSEU) Regional Research Officer Job Description

Position: AOSpine Europe (AOSEU) Regional Research Officer
Function: Regional Board Member
Region: Europe
Term: 3 years
Start date: 1 July 2019
End date: 31 June 2022

Responsibilities

- To lead and oversee all AOSEU research activities
- To periodically report progress to the AOSpine Research Commission and its Chairperson
- To present and represent the research activities and needs of Europe to the AOSEU Board
- To present and represent the research interests and needs of AOSEU to the AOSpine Research Commission
- To attract spine researchers from Europe to AOSpine
- To be an ambassador for AOSpine research within Europe
- To help identify individuals and centers throughout Europe that can contribute to AOSpine studies and research activities
- To identify sources of funding within Europe that are relevant for AOSpine studies
- To strategically position AOSEU at the forefront of academic societies
- To help identify and establish strategic research partnerships within Europe
- To identify opportunities for research dissemination
- To ensure the AOSpine brand is correctly presented on all research material and at relevant events
- To promote AOSpine research activities, studies, peer-reviewed journal publications, tools, and outputs (i.e. AOSpine Classifications, AOPEER)
- To review and manage the regional research grants (i.e. Young Investigator Research Grant Awards (YIRGA))

Requirements

- An active AOSpine member with a valid AOSpine membership
- Practicing spine surgeon and/or prominent spine researcher, holding a position at a university or academic institution
- Must reside in Europe
- Must understand the research needs of the European spine community
- Highly motivated to build and manage research programs for AOSpine
- Effective and clear communicator, good listener, and ability to work in multicultural environments
- Possesses a track record in academic research in the field of spine
- Has a strong understanding of research designs, principles, and ethics
- Possesses a track record of being a principal investigator or co-investigator on multicenter clinical or basic research studies
- Has published in recognized peer-reviewed scientific spine or other medical/scientific journals. Must have a record of being first or senior author.
- Good project management skills
- Knowledge of funding/grant processes and critically reviewing applications
- Prepared to spend the equivalent of one unpaid day per month on AOSpine research affairs, including liaising with members of the regional research community as well as with AOSpine's Research Commission and its Chairperson
- Full command of the English language

Preferences

- A recognized member or officer on key national, regional, or international spine associations
- Proven innovation within own institution or affiliated spine bodies
- Established strong relationships/recognition as a spine surgeon and/or spine research in Europe
- A well-published author in peer-reviewed journals
- Possesses a track record and/or understanding of the grant writing process

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