

EVENT REPORT

# AOSpine Latin America Regional Courses Mexico City 2017

June 22–24, 2017 Mexico City, Mexico

PRINCIPLES COURSE ◀

RESEARCH SEMINAR ◀

ADVANCED MODULES  
**TRAUMA** ◀

ADVANCED MODULES  
**DEGENERATIVE/DEFORMITIES** ◀



# AOSpine Latin America Regional Courses Mexico City 2017

This year, our Regional Courses took place at the Hotel Hyatt Regency Polanco in Mexico City on June 22–24. With 224 participants enrolled and the hosting of renowned and outstanding Faculty members, it exceeded all educational and organizational expectations.

The course brought together spinal surgeons from different countries of Latin America who shared their experiences and skills with a selected group of international and local Faculty through clinical cases, lectures, and discussions. The event was a great opportunity to update knowledge while sharing experiences and interact with world-class opinion leaders on spine surgery.

Chairpersons and Educational Advisors carefully planned the scientific program. Its innovative teaching methodology enabled a strong interaction among the participants. The courses available were a Research Seminar, a Principles Course designed for residents and young spine surgeons, as well as two Advanced Modules on Trauma and Degenerative/Deformities pathologies.

As a closure to such intense activity, we had a Plenary Session on the latest developments of each of the topics, which was also livestreamed to several AOSpine members worldwide who were able to have live interaction.





# COURSE INFORMATION

## VENUE

### Hotel Hyatt Regency México City

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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## CHAIRPERSONS AND EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

### PRINCIPLES COURSE

#### CHAIRPERSON

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#### EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR

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### ADVANCED MODULES

#### TRAUMA

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#### EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR

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# COURSE FACULTY

## INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

 **Alexander Vaccaro**  
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## REGIONAL FACULTY

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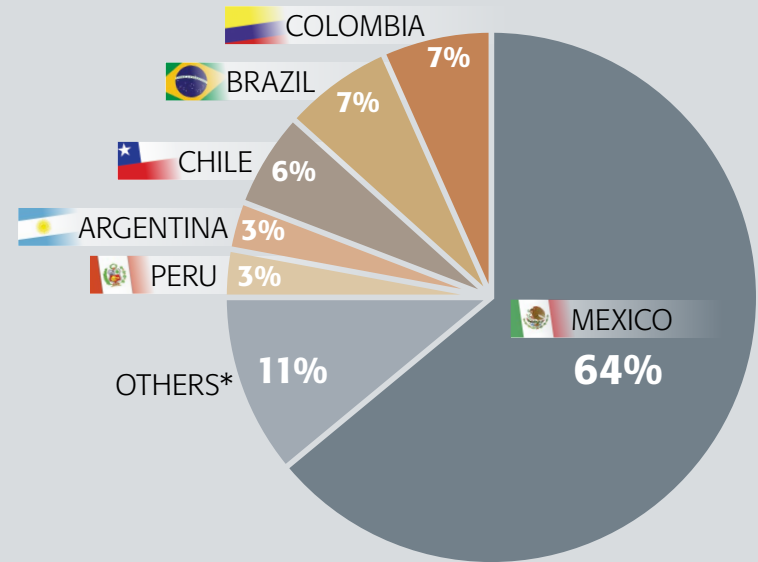
 **Sergio Castillo**  
Hospital Christus Muguerza Alta Especialidad  
Monterrey, Mexico

# THE EVENT IN FIGURES

## PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTRY



Total participants  
**224**



\*Costa Rica, Panama, USA, Cuba, Guatemala, Paraguay, Venezuela

# THE EVENT IN FIGURES

## PARTICIPANTS BY COURSE

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

▶ **224**

▶ **PRINCIPLES COURSE**

**51**

TOTAL FACULTY

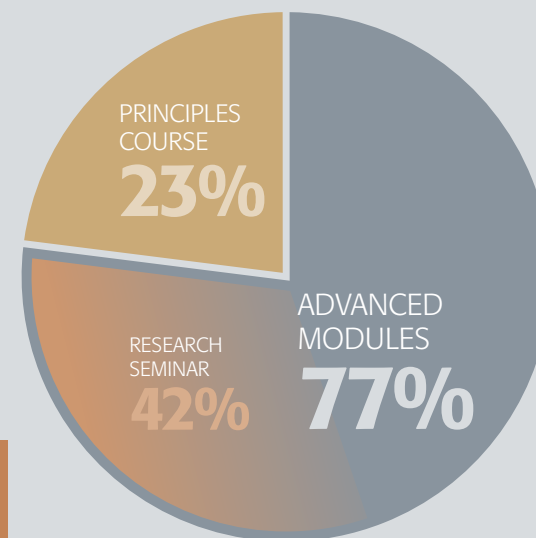
▶ **35**

ADVANCED MODULES

- ▶ **TRAUMA**
- ▶ **DEGENERATIVE/ DEFORMITIES**

**173**

▶ **RESEARCH SEMINAR**  
**72**



## EVENT HISTORY

2016

 **BOGOTA 2016**

PARTICIPANTS ▶ **201**

FACULTY ▶ **43**

2017

 **MEXICO CITY 2017**

PARTICIPANTS ▶ **224**

FACULTY ▶ **35**

2018

 **SAO PAULO 2018**

# COURSES EVALUATION

## RESEARCH SEMINAR

Average Faculty Performance	4.52 <small>out of 5</small>	Overall Course Evaluation
Average Importance to Daily Practice	4.57 <small>out of 5</small>	
Scientific Program Content	— <small>out of 5</small>	4.54 <small>out of 5</small>
Quality of Material Received	— <small>out of 5</small>	
Course Facilities	— <small>out of 5</small>	

## PRINCIPLES COURSE

Average Faculty Performance	4.79 <small>out of 5</small>	Overall Course Evaluation
Average Importance to Daily Practice	4.80 <small>out of 5</small>	
Scientific Program Content	4.60 <small>out of 5</small>	4.38 <small>out of 5</small>
Quality of Material Received	4.20 <small>out of 5</small>	
Course Facilities	3.52 <small>out of 5</small>	

*I want to tell you what a great course this has been. There have been exciting Faculty, there have been very active and engaging participants, and the courses very, very full of people that want to learn new techniques in spinal surgery. Go into these Regional Courses is really one of the best things you can do for your education. So I strongly encourage you to go to the next Regional Course.*

**Christopher Shaffrey**  
USA – Faculty

*I have been a member of AOSpine for 10 years. This course is an example of excellence in continuing education that AOSpine promotes worldwide. I recommend any type of AOSpine course for any specialist who wishes to keep up-to-date throughout his/her career.*

**Antonio Krieger**  
Brazil – Participant

*The AOSpine Latin America Regional Courses is an excellent event to attend. The main reason in my opinion is because it does not matter if you are a new or an experienced surgeon, you will change your behavior. There is always something to learn. And you cannot go away without at least one new thing to learn to take better care of your patients.*

**Rui Nei Santana**  
Brazil – Participant

## COURSES EVALUATION

### ADVANCED MODULES TRAUMA

Average Faculty Performance	4.57 <small>out of 5</small>	Overall Course Evaluation
Average Importance to Daily Practice	4.67 <small>out of 5</small>	
Scientific Program Content	4.42 <small>out of 5</small>	4.26 <small>out of 5</small>
Quality of Material Received	3.87 <small>out of 5</small>	
Course Facilities	3.76 <small>out of 5</small>	

### ADVANCED MODULES DEGENERATIVE/DEFORMITIES

Average Faculty Performance	4.53 <small>out of 5</small>	Overall Course Evaluation
Average Importance to Daily Practice	4.56 <small>out of 5</small>	
Scientific Program Content	4.41 <small>out of 5</small>	4.22 <small>out of 5</small>
Quality of Material Received	3.85 <small>out of 5</small>	
Course Facilities	3.75 <small>out of 5</small>	

*To go to the AOSpine Latin America Courses and be with the academic community has made the stay wonderful. The plurality of spinal surgeons provides a great opportunity to update knowledge, share experiences, and promote learning. Without a doubt, the course exceeded my expectations.*

**Cesar Alberto Mangas**

Mexico – Participant

*It is my first time to an AOSpine course. I found it an excellent experience with excellent subjects and very good Faculty that have taught us a lot.*

**Cesar Mauricio Deras**

El Salvador – Participant

*I enjoyed the excellent Regional Course that balances very well all the academic, educational, and also social activities. That is why it is good to come to these courses and I suggest you schedule the date of June 2018 to go to the Regional Course in Sao Paulo.*

**Pedro Bazán**

Argentina – Faculty



# SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

## SPONSORS

The event received the enthusiastic support of sponsors who held workshops during lunch and coffee break, inviting the participants to take part in discussions in a professional yet relaxed atmosphere.



## EXHIBITION AREA

An exhibition area was also set up to serve as a central meeting and networking point with a constant flow of avid visitors looking for the latest developments in terms of products.



# SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

## SPONSORS WORKSHOPS

### ► JUEVES – 22 DE JUNIO

12h45 a 13h45  
**Workshop Lunch Sponsor**  
**DePuy Synthes**  
 Presentación del portafolio de DePuy Synthes



► **Equipo Marketing DePuy Synthes México**  
 Sala Regency D2  
 2do. Piso

### ► VIERNES – 23 DE JUNIO

10h00 a 10h30 – 16h00 a 16h30  
**Workshop Sponsor–Coffee Breaks**  
**Zeiss**  
 Meet-the-Expert sessions:  
 Spine Microsurgery



► **FACULTY Roger Härtl (USA)**  
 Sala Atelier A  
 1er. Piso

12h45 a 13h45  
**Workshop Lunch Sponsor**  
**DePuy Synthes**  
 Cirugía mínimamente invasiva



► **FACULTY Roger Härtl (USA)**  
 Sala Regency G  
 1er. Piso

12h45 a 13h45  
**Workshop Lunch Sponsor**  
**DePuy Synthes**  
 Lanzamiento de producto:  
 Expedium Verse



► **FACULTY Jean Ouellet (Canadá)**  
 Sala Regency F  
 1er. Piso

12h45 a 13h45  
**Workshop Lunch Sponsor**  
**DePuy Synthes**  
 Nuevas tecnologías en el manejo de tejidos blandos y control del sangrado en la cirugía de columna vertebral



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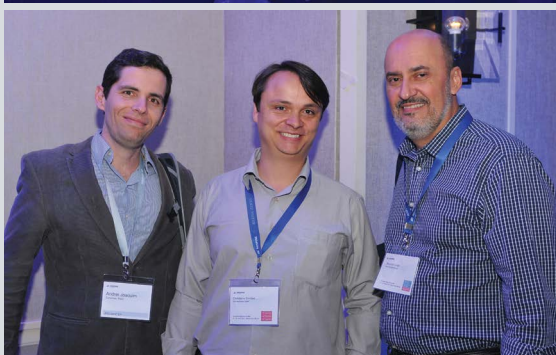




# MEET THE FACULTY

## WELCOME COCKTAIL

On Thursday, June 22, we invited Faculty and participants to a friendly and enthusiastic atmosphere during the welcome cocktail. The evening was a very spirited networking opportunity.



# PLENARY SESSION

On the last day of the event, we had the Plenary Session on the latest developments of each of the topics discussed during the regional courses, which was also livestreamed to several AOSpine members worldwide who were able to have live interaction. Both the local and remote audience participated in the discussion.



Local audience

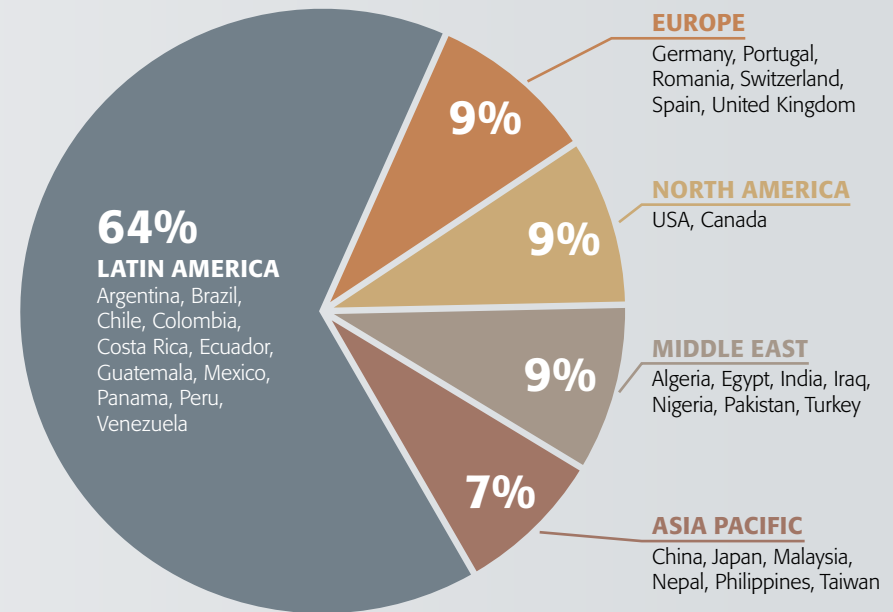
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Remote audience

**106**

Countries

**32**





# PLENARY SESSION

## EVALUATION

### Local audience

Average Faculty Performance	4.76 <small>out of 5</small>	Overall Course Evaluation  <b>4.36</b> <small>out of 5</small>
Average Importance to Daily Practice	4.74 <small>out of 5</small>	
Scientific Program Content	4.53 <small>out of 5</small>	
Quality of Material Received	4.04 <small>out of 5</small>	
Course Facilities	3.73 <small>out of 5</small>	



*Thank you very much AOSpine and the South American chapter for the informative and interactive sessions. Please continue the Webinars, and I expect to meet you all again. Thank you very much. Proud to be a member.*

**Ponnampalam Athiththan**  
United Kingdom

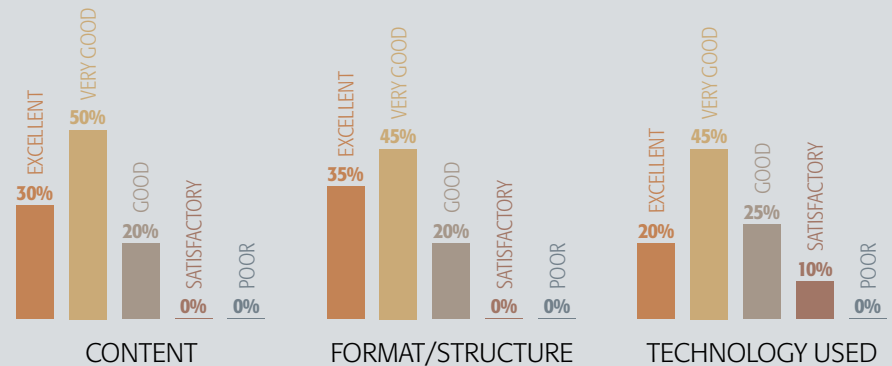
*Thank you, looking forward for more like this.*

**Tijjani Magashi**  
Nigeria

*In addition to the excellent speakers, this modality of participation by internet makes AOSpine a unique and very valuable institution.*

**Santiago Hem**  
Argentina

### Remote audience



## PLENARY SESSION

### MASTER SERIES RAFFLE

At the end of the plenary session, the Master Series books were raffled. The lucky ones were:



*Jose Hernández and Ramon Ortega Padron*



*Cesar Mauricio Deras Barrientos*



*Pedro Bazán*

### EX-FELLOWS AOSPINE LATIN AMERICA MEETING

The Regional Course Mexico City 2017 held a fraternal meeting of ex-fellows with the enthusiastic participation of approximately 30 participants. During the meeting, some presentations were made by Michael Fehlings, Luiz Vialle, and Barón Zárate who gave a presentation on the Fellowship Program of the Instituto Rehabilitación Ortopédica from Mexico City. Closing the meeting was an emotional tribute to Luiz Vialle who has led the Hospital Cajuru Fellowship Program since 2002.

**In the next Regional Courses Sao Paulo 2018,  
we will also have a meeting of ex-fellows.  
Get involved!**

