

Greetings from the Emirates!

As part of NASS commitment to Advancing Global Spine Care, NASSi was proud to attend this years ArabSpine Diploma Course and Dubai International Spine Conference in Dubai, UAE.

David Wong (ex-NASS President, Program Chair and IEC member) again led an intrepid team of NASSi Faculty over to Dubai to engage with surgeons from across the Middle East, Africa, and Indian sub-Continent.

NASSi was represented by Drs: Steven Theiss (USA-Practical Chair and IEC member), Sandeep Gidvani (USA-IMC member), Paul Gause (USA), Michael Grevitt (UK - IEC member), Antonio Raco (IT) and David O'Brien (USA - IC and Exec Com member).

The team was ably supported by Dr Richard Assaker (FR-IEC member), who attended the meeting as Chairperson ArabSpine Education Committee.

IEC = NASS International Education Commission, IMC = NASS International Member Commission, IC = International Council, ExCom = NASS Executive Committee

It's still hard to believe that less than 30 years ago, Dubai was just a desert. Now it's one of the greatest cities in the world, and the location the annual ArabSpine events!



Drs Abdul Msaddi (Chair ArabSpine Diploma) and David Wong (Chair NASSi Program)



For the NASSi Faculty, Dubai's breathtaking architecture was rivalled only by the buffet's laid on by our host!

ArabSpine Diploma Course (May 15 - 17 2022)

This May session of the ArabSpine Diploma Course consisted of Module 1: Basic Science and Degenerative Lumbar and Module 4: Deformity, Complications, and Malformations. Both modules had hands-on cadaver workshops to enable the 90 participants to hone their practical skills.

Each module included 1.5 days of lectures at the Dubai Neuro Spinal Hospital, while the 0.5 day practical labs were at the Gulf Medical University.



Steve Theiss and David O'Brien lecturing to Module 4 and Module 1 participants respectively. Somewhere in there, surrounded by 14 eager learners is Mike Grevitt.



Sandeep Gidvani and Richard Assaker leading their respective workstations for Module 4 teams.

Meanwhile the Module 1 participants go through their practical session debrief.



ArabSpine Dubai International Spine Conference (May 18 - 20 2022)

The NASSi Faculty graciously agreed to stay on and joined the other 40 Faculty and the 250 delegates for the 21st ArabSpine DISC held at the Emirates Towers, Dubai, UAE. The DISC delivered a very comprehensive program including sessions on: (1) Ethics and Education, (2) Cervical Myelopathy, (3) Degenerative Spine Disease, (4) Innovation and Technology, (5) Aging Spine, (6) Deformity, (7) Trauma and (8) Spinal Tumors.

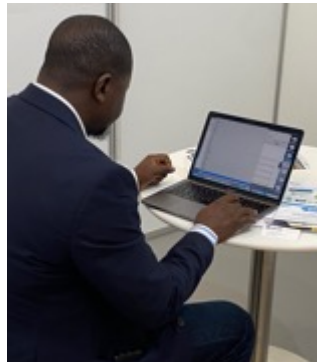


Paul Gause seamlessly swops from facilitating the practical lab in the Diploma course to captivating the audience with his lecture re: Lateral Approach to Deformity Surgery in the Disc event.

Over 50 non-surgeons attended the DISC; many were unaware that NASSi is promoting itself as a multi-professional community, and welcomes non-surgeons, especially female healthcare practitioners. So, we quickly created a sign to raise awareness.



Prof. Tariq Sohail drops by the NASSi booth to discuss a Strategic Partnership Agreement between NASSi and the Society of Spine Surgeons of Pakistan.



Dr Abiboye Lukman (Sokoto, Nigeria) signs up to become a new member of NASSi