

A background image showing a person in blue scrubs and gloves performing a surgical procedure. A hand is holding a surgical instrument, and a radiation warning symbol is visible on a piece of equipment.

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## HANDS-ON COURSE 2026 BY WORLD SPINE 11

September 08<sup>th</sup> - 09<sup>th</sup>, 2026

UKS Homburg, Germany

Pre-Congress Workshop of the  
World Spine 11 Congress 2026

## Hands-On Spine Workshop – World Spine XI

The Hands-On Spine Workshop is designed as an intensive, high-level practical training experience within the framework of the international **World Spine XI Congress**.

The workshop will feature **18 fully equipped working stations, with three participants per station**, ensuring optimal supervision, interaction, and sufficient hands-on time for every attendee.

All procedures will be performed on **high-quality anatomical specimens prepared using the “Fix for Life” methodology**. This advanced fixation technique preserves realistic tissue properties, providing an authentic tactile feedback and intraoperative visual impression closely resembling real surgical conditions in the operating room.

Participants will be guided and supervised by **leading spine neurosurgeons**, who are also faculty members and lecturers of the World Spine XI Congress. This direct mentorship guarantees expert-level instruction, detailed technical insights, and the opportunity to discuss complex surgical nuances in an interactive setting.

The workshop includes simulation and training of:

Open spinal approaches to the cervical, thoracic, lumbar, and lumbosacral spine

Minimally invasive techniques (XLIF, TLIF)

Endoscopic spine procedures (full-endoscopic and tubular endoscopic approaches)

Over **two full days**, participants will gain practical insights, refine surgical skills, and deepen their understanding of modern spinal techniques. The program also emphasizes professional exchange — offering extensive opportunities to interact with masters in the field and to share experiences with international colleagues.

This workshop is designed not only to teach techniques, but to provide a true operative experience — bridging theory and practice at the highest level of contemporary spine surgery.



*Dear colleagues,*

The Pre-Congress Workshop World Spine XI offers an intensive hands-on training experience on cadaver specimens, designed to give participants direct, practical exposure to key spine surgery techniques. With a deliberately small number of participants per station, the workshop ensures close supervision, am-

ple individual practice time, and high-quality interaction with a renowned international faculty. This focused, skills-oriented format provides an ideal environment to refine surgical technique and prepare for the main congress program.

*Sincerely yours,*



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joachim Oertel".

Prof. Dr. med. Joachim Oertel

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### COURSE DIRECTOR

Prof. Joachim Oertel

### LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Magomed Lepshokov, M.D.

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## INVITATION LETTER

Please do not hesitate to contact us via email if you need an invitation letter to participate in our workshop. We regret that this invitation

does not include travel expenses, personal insurance, accommodation costs or registration fees.

## **PARTICIPATION FEE INCLUDES**

- Hands-On Sessions
- Course book
- Equipment, cadavers/simulators
- Coffee breaks & lunch
- Certificate of Attendance

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Travel expenses
- Accommodation
- Personal insurance

## **LANGUAGE**

English

## **REGISTRATION**

Limited availability – early registration recommended.

## **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT**

Registration is limited - Early enrollment is encouraged. Registration is only confirmed after payment is received. By registering, you accept our general terms and conditions. Payment is due within 14 days. Otherwise the registration can not be guaranteed. Registration and payment is possible via our website

## PROGRAMM (PRELIMINARY)

### TUESDAY, 08 SEPTEMBER 2026

07:30 – 8:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	Central Lecture Hall, Build. 35
08:00 – 12:00	Lectures	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 16:00	Hands-on Course	Anatomy, Build. 61
16:30	Closing & Certificates	Central Lecture Hall, Build. 35
18:00	Get Together	

### WEDNESDAY, 09 SEPTEMBER 2026

07:30 - 8:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	Central Lecture Hall, Build. 35
08:00 – 11:30	Lectures	
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 – 16:00	Hands-on Course	Anatomy, Build. 61
14:30	Closing Remarks & Certificates	

## PARTICIPATION FEE FOR PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP (08.09.–09.09.2026)

	Early Bird <i>(until 04th of May 2026)</i>	Regular
Single participant	900,- €	1000,- €
Single participant <i>(members of WSCS)</i>	850,- €	950,- €
Group ticket <i>(2 persons and more, price per person)</i>	850,- €	950,- €

Registration for the Pre-Congress Workshop gives participants a 50% discount on registration for the World Spine XI Congress. Confirmation of the workshop booking is required to activate the discount and will be issued after full payment has been received.

Cancellations must be submitted in written form and are subject to the following conditions:

- **Until August 11, 2026:** Refund possible (10% + processing fees of the bank)\*
- **After August 11, 2026:** No refund \* To cover bank costs and processing fees



Location:  
Central Lecture Hall, Build. 35



Location:  
Anatomy, Build. 61

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