

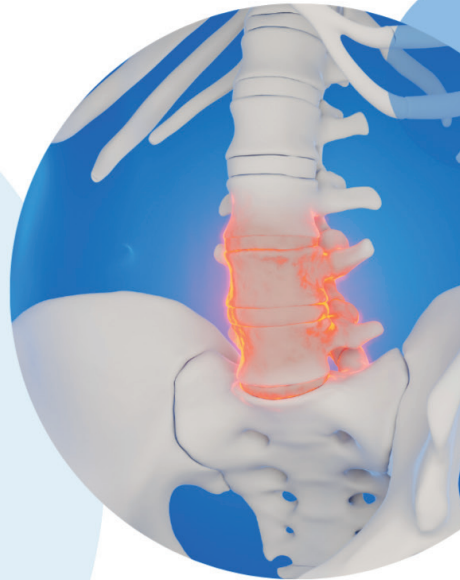


ASAS Core Course on Spondyloarthritis

PROGRAMME

 20 & 21 March 2026

 Brussels



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Friday 20 March 2026

12.30	REGISTRATION & WELCOME LUNCH		
13.30	Welcome & Introduction Sofia Ramiro & Helena Marzo-Ortega		
13.40	Clinical Update	The challenge of understanding axSpA and how to diagnose it Floris van Gaalen	
14.10	Q&A		
14.20	Interactive Case Discussion 1	Misdiagnosis, underdiagnosis and other foes Raj Sengupta	
15.00	COFFEE BREAK		
15.20	Interactive Workshop Imaging 1	SIJ & Spine Helena Marzo-Ortega, Pedro Machado	SIJ & Spine Advanced* Xenofon Baraliakos & Torsten Diekhoff
16.05	Interactive Workshop Imaging 2	SIJ & Spine Helena Marzo-Ortega, Pedro Machado	SIJ & Spine Advanced* Xenofon Baraliakos & Torsten Diekhoff
16.50	COFFEE BREAK		
17.10	Clinical Update	Tips to assess axSpA in daily clinical practice Victoria Navarro-Compán	
17.25	Q&A		
17.45	Hot Topic	A clinician's guide to understanding the pathophysiology of SpA Dirk Elewaut	
18.15	Q&A		
18.25	Close of Day 1 Helena Marzo-Ortega & Sofia Ramiro		

**SIJ & Spine advanced: the course is meant for participants who have an advanced level of knowledge and expertise with imaging reading in SpA, particularly MRI. Registration for the advanced workshop is made when registering for the ASAS Core Course, and on a first-come, first-served basis.*

Saturday 21 March 2026

08.00	BREAKFAST & COFFEE		
08.25	Welcome & Introduction Helena Marzo-Ortega & Sofia Ramiro		
08.30	Clinical Update	Beyond the spine: Exploring the burden of extramusculo-skeletal manifestations and comorbidities in SpA Steven Zhao	
09.00	Q&A		
09.10	Clinical Update	Everything you need to know about the management of axSpA in 2026 Sofia Ramiro	
09.40	Q&A		
09.50	Hot Topic	What is and what to do about difficult-to-manage axSpA? Murat Torgutalp	
10.15	Q&A		
10.25	COFFEE BREAK & COURSE PHOTO		
10.45	Viewpoint	Family planning in SpA: Treatment implications for healthy mothers and babies Anna Moltó	
11.15	Q&A		
11.25	Viewpoint	Rethinking structural progression in axSpA and the need for a balanced approach Xenofon Baraliakos	
11.50	Q&A		
12.00	Interactive Case Discussion 2	How to optimise the management of axSpA in daily practice Wilson Bautista & Clementina López-Medina	
12.50	Course Closure Sofia Ramiro & Helena Marzo-Ortega		
13.00	FAREWELL LUNCH		

Registration

How to register

You can register online via the ASAS website: www.asas-group.org. When your registration is completed successfully, you will receive an automatic confirmation. You can also print an invoice when you finalise your online registration.

Participant fee: € 395,-

This registration includes:

- Participation in all scientific sessions
- SIJ & Spine Workshop OR SIJ & Spine Advanced* Workshop:
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- Programme and Course related documents (certificate of attendance, ...)
- Coffee breaks & lunches as indicated in the programme

Payment

By bank transfer

Account Name: Medicongress Services

IBAN: BE25 1239 9370 1782

SWIFT: CTBKBEBX

Bank: Beobank

Bank Address: Graaf Van Vlaanderenplein 25-26, 9000 Gent

By credit card

VISA and MasterCard payments are accepted.

Changes / Name substitutions

You will receive a personal link in your payment confirmation email. With this link it will be possible to make changes or transfer your registration to a colleague free of charge.

Cancellation Policy

Participants cancelling their registration before 1 February 2026 receive a full refund, minus €150,00 administration costs. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date.

Cancellations must be confirmed in writing to fien@medicongress.com.

General Information

Venue

Sparks Meeting Brussels

Rue Ravenstein 60, B-1000 Brussels

UEMS Accreditation



The Core Course on Spondyloarthritis has been granted 8 European CME credits.

Certificate of Attendance

Participants are asked to sign the attendance list on arrival. They will receive a Certificate of Attendance by email at the end of the Course.

WiFi

Free WiFi is offered to all participants.

Liability

Neither the local organizers, ASAS nor Medicongress accept liability for damages and/or losses of any kind which may be incurred by participants during the Core Course.

Participants are advised to take out insurance against loss, accidents or damage which could be incurred during the Core Course.