

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2014

In order to encourage basic science research in the field of Spinal disorders, the *European Spine Journal* is proud to announce the **20.000 Euro GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award** for basic science. Each paper submitted to the *Journal* dealing with basic science qualifies automatically for this award as soon as it has been published. The winning paper will be selected at the end of each academic year (for the next time in 2013/2014) and will be announced in one of the following issues. The GRAMMER Award will also be presented at the next EuroSpine meeting. At least one author of the winning paper must attend at his/her own expense the SpineWeek 2014 meeting which is being held in Lyon (France), from October 1–3, to present the paper and receive the award.

The winning paper of the **GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award** for the best basic science paper published in the *European Spine Journal* in the last academic year 2012/2013 has been:

Apoptosis of neurons and oligodendrocytes in the spinal cord of spinal hyperostotic mouse (*twy/twy*): possible pathomechanism of human cervical compressive myelopathy

by **K. Uchida, H. Nakajima, S. Watanabe, T. Yayama, A.R. Guerrero, T. Inukai, T. Hirai, D. Sugita, W.E. Johnson and H. Baba**

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Congratulations from GRAMMER AG and the *European Spine Journal* and the award committee:

Margareta Nordin, New York, USA
Max Aebi, Berne, Switzerland
Mauro Alini, Davos, Switzerland
Kjell Olmarker, Gothenburg, Sweden
Hans-Joachim Wilke, Ulm, Germany (Chairman)

Oswestry Disability Index website and translations

We have established a website for the ODI <http://www.orthosurg.org.uk/odi/>. One of its functions is to carry validated translations of the instrument for use by non-English speakers. Currently we have versions in 13 languages. We are sure there are others we have not listed. We need to know the version number that has been translated, validation process and any publications that have used it.

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Next EUROSPINE Meetings and Courses

EUROSPINE 2014

October 1–3, 2014
Lyon, France
Further info: www.eurospine2014.eu

EUROSPINE Task Force Research Course 2015

Fundamentals of spine research methodology: How to make your research more relevant, feasible and publishable
March 23–27, 2015
Barcelona, Spain
Further info:
www.eurospine.org/ResearchCourse

EUROSPINE Spring Speciality Meeting 2015

Spinal Deformity from Early Childhood to Adulthood
April 23–25, 2015
Barcelona, Spain
Further info:
www.eurospine-spring.com

EUROSPINE will be represented at:

**German Spine Conference
9th Annual Meeting of the German Spine Society**
December 11–13, 2014
Congress Center Leipzig, Germany
Further info: www.dwg-kongress.de

**Asia Oceanian International Skull base congress.
Pre-congress symposium: 25 years of lateral mass fixation for Craniovertebral instability.
Cadaveric workshop and live surgery for craniovertebral junction stabilisation.**
January 7–11, 2015
Mumbai
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