

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2016

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 2015/2016) 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 EUROSPINE 2016 meeting which is being held in Berlin (Germany) from October 5–7, 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 2014/2015 has been:

#### The potential role of heat shock proteins in acute spinal cord injury

By Y. Zhou, L. Xu, X. Song, L. Ding, J. Chen, C. Wang, Y. Gan, X. Zhu, Y. Yu, Q. Liang

Eur Spine J (2014) 23:1480–1490

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  
Dimitris Kletsas, Athens, Greece  
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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### EDUCATION @EUROSPINE

[www.eurospine.org/education](http://www.eurospine.org/education)

#### ESCD Module 1 - Basic Comprehensive Course

7 December 2015  
Thessaloniki, Greece

#### ESCD Module 5 - Tumours & Inflammatory Disease of the Spine

8–9 December 2015  
Thessaloniki, Greece

#### Education Week 2016

13–17 June 2016  
Strasbourg, France

### EUROSPINE TASK FORCE RESEARCH

[www.eurospine.org/research](http://www.eurospine.org/research)

### TFR Course 2016

7–11 March 2016  
Milan, Italy  
Local host: Marco Teli

2017: Izmir, Turkey,  
Local host: Haluk Berk

2018: Munich, Germany  
Local host: Christoph Siepe

### Basic Biomechanics/Methods Experimental Research 2016

19–22 July 2016  
Ulm, Germany  
Local host: Lutz Claes

### EUROSPINE ANNUAL MEETINGS

#### 3rd SPRING SPECIALITY MEETING 2016

Trauma and Emergency Spine Surgery:  
Past, Present and Future  
12–13 May 2016  
Kraków, Poland  
[www.eurospine-spring.com](http://www.eurospine-spring.com)

#### EUROSPINE 2016

5–7 October 2016  
Berlin, Germany  
[www.eurospine2016.eu](http://www.eurospine2016.eu)

#### MEET EUROSPINE AT

#### 10th Annual Meeting of the German Spine Society (DWG)

10–12 December 2015  
Frankfurt a.M., Germany