

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2017

For Basic and Applied Research

In order to encourage basic science research in the field of spinal disorders, the *European Spine Journal* is proud to announce the **GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award for Basic Science and Applied Research (20,000 Euro)**.

This is the highest amount of an award in spinal research, worldwide. 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 2016/2017) 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 own expense the EUROSPINE 2017 meeting, which is being held in Dublin (Ireland) from October 11–13, to present the paper and receive the award.

The winning paper of the **GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award** for the best basic science and applied research paper published in the *European Spine Journal* in the last academic year 2015/2016 has been:

Changes in perfusion and diffusion in the endplate regions of degenerating intervertebral discs: a DCE-MRI study

By **Volkan Emre Arpinar, Scott D. Rand, Andrew P. Klein, Dennis J. Maiman, L. Tugan Muftuler**

Eur Spine J (2015) 24:2458–2467

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

Margareta Nordin, Romorantin, France
Max Aebi, Bern, Switzerland
Mauro Alini, Davos, Switzerland
Dimitris Klatsas, 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. 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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NSpine Congress 2017

12–15 June 2017
Royal College of Surgeons - London
<http://nspine.com/congresses/nspine-main-conference-2017/programme/>

The Open Operating Theatre (OOT) section of the journal, comprising articles describing surgical procedures with videos as supplementary material, is published exclusively online.

EDUCATION @EUROSPINE

www.eurospine.org/education

Advanced Course 2017

9–11 January 2017
Strasbourg, France

Education Week 2017

19–23 June 2017
Strasbourg, France

RESEARCH @EUROSPINE

www.eurospine.org/research

TFR Course 2017

13–17 March 2017
Munich, Germany
Local host: Christoph Siepe

Basic Biomechanics/Methods Experimental Research 2017

18–22 July 2017
Ulm, Germany
Local host: Lutz Claes

TFR Course 2018

19–23 March 2018
Istanbul, Turkey
Local host: Haluk Berk

EUROSPINE ANNUAL MEETINGS

www.eurospinemeeeting.org

EUROSPINE 2017

11–13 October 2017
Dublin, Ireland

EUROSPINE Spring Speciality Meeting 2018

26–27 April 2018
Vienna, Austria

EUROSPINE 2018

19–21 September 2018
Barcelona, Spain

EUROSPINE 2019

16–18 October 2019
Helsinki, Finland