

## 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**

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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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If readers are aware of other validated translations, please will they contact [jeremy.fairbank@ndos.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jeremy.fairbank@ndos.ox.ac.uk)

#### NSpine Congress 2017

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

#### NSpine - European Spine Journal Collaboration

Research & Statistics Methodology Sessions  
June 13, 2017 at NSpine Main Event  
The Good Reviewer Session  
June 15, 2017 at NSpine Main Event  
[www.nspine.com](http://www.nspine.com)

#### EURASIAN ORTHOPEDIC FORUM 2017

29–30 June 2017  
Moscow, Russia  
<http://eoforum.ru/en>

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

#### Education Week 2017

19–23 June 2017  
Strasbourg, France

#### Advanced Course 2017

16–18 October 2017  
Strasbourg, France

#### Education Week 2018

18–22 June 2018  
Strasbourg, France

### RESEARCH @EUROSPINE

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

#### Literature Review Course

11 January 2018  
Toulouse, France

#### TFR Course 2018

12–16 March 2018  
Porto, Portugal

#### Literature Review Course

as part of Education Week  
21 June 2017  
Strasbourg, France

### EUROSPINE ANNUAL MEETINGS

[www.eurospinemeeting.org](http://www.eurospinemeeting.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