

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2009

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 2008/2009) 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 EuroSpine 2009 meeting which is being held in Warsaw (Poland) from October 21–24, to present the paper and receive the award.

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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 2007/2008 has been:

**Adenovirus vector-mediated ex vivo gene transfer of brain-derived neurotrophic factor to bone marrow stromal cells promotes axonal regeneration after transplantation in completely transected adult rat spinal cord**

by M. Koda, T. Kamada, M. Hashimoto, M. Murakami, H. Shirasawa, S. Sakao, H. Ino, K. Yoshinaga, S. Koshizuka, H. Moriya, M. Yamazaki

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

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

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