

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2011

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 2010/2011) 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 2011 meeting which is being held in Milan (Italy) from October 19–21, 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 2009/2010 has been:

Disc cell clusters in pathological human intervertebral discs are associated with increased stress protein immunostaining

by CA Sharp, S Roberts, H Evans, SJ Brown

Eur Spine J (2009) 18:1587–1594

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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Instructional Course: Orthopaedic Spine Surgery 19th Ulm Spine Week, March 20th to 25th, 2011

Englischsprachiger Schulungskurs der Wirbelsäulenchirurgie, der sich an Fortgeschrittene richtet. Umfangreiches Seminarprogramm, das alle relevanten Aspekte der Wirbelsäulen-chirurgie abbildet; praktische Operationsschulung in der Anatomie mit Verwendung ventraler und dorsaler Wirbelsäulenimplantate unter Einsatz von Bildverstärkern, tägliche OP-Assistenzen und Workshops mit den Implantatsystemen am Kunstknochen.

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Dubai Spine Masters Spine Trauma: Masters Update a Joint Meeting with EuroSpine, the Spine Society of Europe May 22-25, 2011, Dubai, UAE

Course Chairs:
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Information, program and registration:
<http://www.spinemasters.org>