

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2012

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 2012/2013) 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 SpineWeek 2013 meeting which is being held in Liverpool (UK), from October 2–4, 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 2011/2012 has been:

**A fresh look at the nucleus-endplate region: new evidence for significant structural integration**

by **Kelly R. Wade, Peter A. Robertson, Neil D. Broom**

**Eur Spine J (2011) 20:1225–1232**

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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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)

### EUROSPINE 2013

October 2–4, 2013  
Liverpool, United Kingdom  
Abstract Submission is open until  
March 15, 2013  
Further info: [www.eurospine2013.eu](http://www.eurospine2013.eu)

### Meetings with EUROSPINE Participation

#### EFORT 2013

14th EFORT Congress 2013  
June 5–8, 2013  
Istanbul, Turkey  
Further info: [www.efort.org/istanbul2013/](http://www.efort.org/istanbul2013/)  
EUROSPINE will contribute to one of the specialty sessions

### GEER/ SILACO 2013

XXVII Congreso Nacional de la Sociedad para el Estudio de las Enfermedades del Raquis (GEER) together with XII Congreso Iberoamericano de Columna (SILACO)  
May 30–June 1, 2013  
Valencia, Spain  
Further info: [www.viajesvillarreal.com/geersilaco13/index.php](http://www.viajesvillarreal.com/geersilaco13/index.php)  
EUROSPINE will be there with a booth.

### Meetings under the Patronage of EUROSPINE

#### Mahalapye Spine Care Conference

April 5, 2013  
Mahalapye, Botswana  
Organisation/ Information:  
S. Haldemann, M. Nordin  
[www.eurospine.org/](http://www.eurospine.org/) EuroSpine\_Patronage