

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2013

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 2013/2014) 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 2014 meeting which is being held in Lyon (France), from October 1–3, 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 2012/2013 has been:

Apoptosis of neurons and oligodendrocytes in the spinal cord of spinal hyperostotic mouse (*twy/twy*): possible pathomechanism of human cervical compressive myelopathy

by K. Uchida, H. Nakajima, S. Watanabe, T. Yayama, A.R. Guerrero, T. Inukai, T. Hirai, D. Sugita, W.E. Johnson and H. Baba

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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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Next EUROSPINE Meetings and Courses

EUROSPINE Spring Specialty Meeting 2014

Hot Topics in the Lumbar Spine

May 8–9, 2014
Prague, Czech Republic
Further info: www.eurospine-spring.com

**German Spine Conference
9th Annual Meeting of the German Spine Society**
11–13 December 2014
Congress Center Leipzig
www.dwg-kongress.de

EUROSPINE Task Force Research Course 2014

**Fundamentals of spine research methodology:
How to make your research more relevant,
feasible and publishable**
February 24–28, 2014
Dublin, Ireland
Further info: www.eurospine.org/ResearchCourse
Registration Deadline: January 31, 2014

EUROSPINE 2014

October 1–3
Lyon, France
Further info: www.eurospine2014.eu

EUROSPINE will be represented at:

BritSpine 2014

April 2–4, 2014
Warwick, United Kingdom

Instructional Course: Orthopaedic Spine Surgery 22nd Ulm Spine Week, March 16th to 21st 2014

Englischsprachiger Schulungskurs der Wirbelsäulenchirurgie, der sich an Fortgeschrittene richtet. Umfangreiches Seminarprogramm, das alle relevanten Aspekte der Wirbelsäulenchirurgie 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.

Veranstalter: Orthopädische Universitätsklinik
Ulm am RKU
und
Institut für Anatomie und
Neurobiologie der Universität Ulm

Teilnehmerzahl: Maximal 40

Tagungsgebühr: 900,- Euro

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