

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2020

#### For Basic Science 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 2019/2020) 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 EUROSPINE 2020 meeting, which is being held in Vienna (Austria) from October 7–9, 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 2018/2019 have been:

**Macrophage polarization contributes to local inflammation and structural change in the multifidus muscle after intervertebral disc injury.**

**By Gregory James, Kathleen A. Sluka, Linda Blomster, Leanne Hall, Annina B. Schmid, Cindy C. Shu, Christopher B. Little, James Melrose, Paul W. Hodges**

**Eur Spine J (2018) 27:1744-1756**

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 Kletsas, Athens, Greece  
Dino Samartzis, Chicago, USA  
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.

Jeremy Fairbank MD FRCS  
Paul Pynsent PhD  
Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre  
Oxford OX3 7LD, UK  
Research and Teaching Centre  
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham  
B31 2AP, UK  
If readers are aware of other validated translations, please will they contact jeremy.fairbank@ndos.ox.ac.uk

The Open Operating Theatre (OOT) section of the journal, comprising articles describing surgical procedures with videos as supplementary material, is published exclusively online.

### Instructional Course: Orthopaedic Spine Surgery 28th Ulm Spine Week, March 1st to 6th, 2020

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 Wirbelsäulen-Implantate 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: 980 Euro  
Auskunft: Frau C. Schmidt  
Orthopädische Universitätsklinik am RKU Oberer Eselsberg 45, D-89081 Ulm  
Telefon: 0731/177-1101, Fax: 0731/177-1103  
E-mail: claudia.schmidt@rku.de

### ISSLS Fellowships and Awards:

ISSLS Research Grant: sponsored by Taisho Pharmaceutical  
Young Investigator Travel Grant: sponsored by Eisai Co  
The ISSLS Clinical Travelling Fellowship: sponsored by Seoul Chuk Hospital  
Read more on our webpage: [www.issls.org](http://www.issls.org)

### EUROSPINE MEETINGS

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

#### EUROSPINE 2019

16–18 October 2019  
Helsinki, Finland

#### Spring Specialty Meeting 2020

30 April–1 May 2020  
Frankfurt, Germany

#### EUROSPINE 2020

7–9 October 2020  
Vienna, Austria

#### EUROSPINE 2021

13–15 October 2021  
Gothenburg, Sweden

#### EUROSPINE 2022

19–21 October 2022  
Milan, Italy

#### EUROSPINE 2023

4–6 October 2023  
Frankfurt, Germany

### EDUCATION @EUROSPINE

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

#### Hybrid EduWeek 2019

18–20 November 2019  
Geneva, Switzerland

#### EduWeek 2020

29 June – 3 July 2020  
Geneva, Switzerland

#### Hybrid EduWeek 2020

23–25 November 2020  
Geneva, Switzerland

### RESEARCH @EUROSPINE

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

#### TFR Course 2020

10–14 March 2020  
Ljubljana, Slovenia