

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 has 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
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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.

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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.

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www.eurospinemeeting.org

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

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

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TFR Course 2020

10–14 March 2020
Ljubljana, Slovenia