ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRAMMER *European Spine Journal* Award 2019

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 2018/2019) 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 own expense the EUROSPINE 2019 meeting, which is being held in Helsinki (Finland) from October 16–18, to present the paper and receive the award.

The winning papers 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 2017/2018 have been:

A more realistic disc herniation model incorporating compression, flexion and facet-constrained shear: a mechanical and microstructural analysis.

Part I: Low rate loading

By Kelly R. Wade, Meredith L. Schollum, Peter A. Robertson, Ashvin Thambyah and Neil D. Broom

Eur Spine J (2017) 26:2616-2628

Part II: High rate or 'surprise' loading

By Zhi Shan, Kelly R. Wade, Meredith L. Schollum, Peter A. Robertson, Ashvin Thambyah and Neil D. Broom

Eur Spine J (2017) 26:2629-2641

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 Kjell Olmarker, Gothenburg, Sweden 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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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 27th Ulm Spine Week, March 10th to 15th, 2019

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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EUROSPINE Spring

Specialty Meeting 2019

2–3 May 2019 Frankfurt, Germany

EUROSPINE 2019

16–18 October 2019 Helsinki, Finland

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

Education Week 2019

1–5 July 2019 Geneva, Switzerland New premises!

RESEARCH @EUROSPINE

www.eurospine.org/research

TFR Course 2019

13–17 March 2019 Bordeaux, France