ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GRAMMER European Spine Journal Award 2008

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 2007/2008) 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 SpineWeek/EuroSpine 2008 which is being held in Geneva (Switzerland) from May 26–31, to present the paper and receive the award.

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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 2006/2007 has been:

Rasterstereographic analysis of axial back surface rotation in standing versus forward bending posture in idiopathic scoliosis

by L. Hackenberg, E. Hierholzer,
V. Bullmann, U. Liljenqvist and C. Götze

Eur Spine J (2006) 15(7):1144-1149

Congratulations from GRAMMER AG and GRAMMER Office and the *European Spine Journal* and the award committee:

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Mauro Alini, Davos, Switzerland
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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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International 26th Course for Percutaneous Endoscopic Spinal Surgery and Complementary Minimal Invasive Techniques

24-25 January 2008 - Zürich, Switzerland

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8th Bernese Live Spine Surgery Symposium - Management of Complications and Errors in Spinal Surgery

8-9 February 2008 - Bern, Switzerland

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SpineWeek 2008 2nd combined Meeting of the leading spine societies, includes: EuroSpine 2008 10th Annual Meeting of the Spine Society of Europe

26-31 May 2008 - Geneva, Switzerland

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