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Editorial

The Global Spine Congress (GSC) was held in Singapore this May. The *Global Spine Journal (GSJ)* had a strong presence at the Congress, which included a table at the AOSpine booth featuring various issues and flyers. *GSJ* will continue to have a presence at Global Spine Congress next year in Toronto. We were happy to see that copies flew off the shelves and that there was a large interest in the journal. *Global Spine Journal* held its third annual Members Only Session at Global Spine Congress on “How to Write and Review a Scientific Paper.” At this session, all of the Editors-in-Chief discussed their personal experiences with writing and reviewing scientific research and offered tips and tricks to the attendees on how to write successful reviews and how to get their research published. This session was, as always, completely packed with standing room only. We plan to have another Members Only Session at GSC next year in Toronto. Stay tuned on social media and newsletters for more updates about GSC in Toronto.

We also presented the annual *Global Spine Journal* awards at Global Spine Congress. They were awarded to the top 2 papers published in 2017 and the top 2 reviewers of 2017. The criteria for Best Papers are as follows: Only Original Research papers are considered, then the papers are looked at based on the quality of the work as well as the number of downloads and citations that the article has received. The top 2 reviewers are chosen based on the amount of articles they reviewed in that year and the quality of the reviews they completed, cross referenced with their average R-score and the average amount of days it took them to complete their review. All award winners receive a certificate as well as a cash prize.

The award winners are:

For Best Papers in 2017

“Return to Play in Elite Contact Athletes After Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion: A Meta-Analysis” by Andrew C. Hecht, Samuel Overley, Sheeraz Qureshi,

Wellington K. Hsu, Steven Andelman, Diana C. Patterson, Steven McAnany

“Beyond Pelvic Incidence-Lumbar Lordosis Mismatch: The Importance of Assessing the Entire Spine to Achieve Global Sagittal Alignment” by: Samuel K. Cho, Robert K. Merrill, Dante M. Leven, Joung Heon Kim

For Best Reviewers in 2017

Avery Buchholz
Philippe Bancel

Following the success of our most recent special issue, “Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy and Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury,” we plan to publish more special issues for all of our readers. The next special issue, on spinal trauma, is slated to be published end of the summer/beginning of the fall and is led by Frank Kandziora, in conjunction with the German Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology. Please stay tuned for more updates and information on this special issue in the coming months. We also have another special issue on infection that is currently in review, as well as a special issue on navigation and MIS that is in the planning stages. Please stay tuned for more updates on these upcoming special issues as the year goes on. The best way to stay up to date with *GSJ* updates is to follow us on social media.

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