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Global Spine Journal (GSJ) has had a productive and busy year, which is now culminating with this final issue for 2017. As we wrap up the last issue of the year, it is amazing to reflect back on the past 12 months, where we have seen an enormous amount of success and progress, with the maturation of this journal. This has been the most successful year so far for GSJ, with a record number of submissions, citations, and downloads. These accomplishments are truly evolving GSJ into what we had originally envisioned it to be—a leading international platform for the dissemination of high-quality scientific articles and reviews that can educate and inform practitioners on a global level. This accomplishment is all because of our amazing authors, reviews, and readers. It is only with your dedication and support that we have achieved this level of success.

This year was a transitional one, due to a switch in publishers, which has allowed us to expand and grow. Our new partners, SAGE Publishing, have done a wonderful job to help us continue to develop and adapt our journal for the modern world. GSJ and AOSpine are excited to continue to expand on this partnership into the future and help deliver our content more effectively to all spine practitioners worldwide. We are confident that 2018 will be even more successful for GSJ.

As the official scientific publication for AOSpine, GSJ is proud to be affiliated with such an amazing global organization. AOSpine and the AO Foundation have a long history of education, research, as well as developing a global community. GSJ is honored to continue to have such a close partnership with AOSpine and we look forward to an ongoing collaboration.

GSJ published 2 special issues this year: “Rare Complications of Cervical Spine Surgery,” led by GSJ Cervical Spine Deputy Editor and AOSpine International Chairman, K. Daniel Riew, MD; and “Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy and Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury,” led by GSJ Neuro Deputy Editor and Chairperson of the AOSpine Knowledge Forum for Spinal Cord Injury, Michael Fehlings, MD. Both these issues can be read in full online at http://journals.sagepub.com/loi/gsj. GSJ will have more exciting special issues coming out in 2018 as well. Stay tuned for announcements about those in the coming months.

Do not forget you can follow GSJ on social media as well. There are new social media announcements 2 to 3 times per week on new and exciting articles, issue releases, podcast releases, and more. This is the best way to stay updated. The GSJ Facebook site can be found at https://www.facebook.com/globalspinejournal. The GSJ Twitter handle is @globalspinej.

We hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year! Until we meet again in 2018.

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