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## Editorial

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It has been a productive and busy year for *Global Spine Journal* (*GSJ*), culminating with this final issue. As we wrap up this issue and reflect on the past 12 months, it is incredible to see *GSJ*'s enormous amount of success and progress from its start in 2012 until now. This has been the most successful year so far, with a record number of submissions, citations, and downloads. These accomplishments are pushing *GSJ* closer to what we, as the editors, have envisioned for it—a leading international platform for the dissemination of high-quality scientific articles and reviews than can educate and inform practitioners on a global basis. This accomplishment is due to all of our amazing authors, editors, reviewers, and readers. It is only with your dedication and support that we have achieved this level of success.

This year we published the special issue “AOSpine Knowledge Forums: Driving Research, Discovery, and Innovation in Spine,” and many of the articles in this issue have already made the top downloaded list.

We also launched a new symposium at Global Spine Congress in Toronto this year, in 2 parts: “Creating a Successful Spine Research Program” and “Getting Published.”

The 2 sessions, unlike our previous sessions (which were members only), were open to all attendees and had a record number turnout. Stay tuned for more updates on session details for next year in Brazil!

All of the editors are really looking forward to 2020, which we anticipate will be *GSJ*'s best year yet. We have a few special issues in the pipeline to be published next year, and stay tuned for other important announcements as well. Please make sure to follow *GSJ* on social media to stay up to date with all of the latest news. You can follow *GSJ* on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/globalspinejournal](http://www.facebook.com/globalspinejournal)) and on Twitter (@globalspinej).

We hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

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