

## **2017 ASM PRIZES AND AWARDS**

### **1. Spinal Research Award**

An award of \$10,000 is given for the best spinal research paper submitted to the annual meeting. Applicants must submit their research in the format of a manuscript that is ready for publication. Research can be in any field (clinical or laboratory based) that is related to the spine. It is a requirement that one of the authors present the work from the podium at the Annual Scientific Meeting and the winner will be announced at the end of the meeting.

The 2017 Winner is: Mr Ryan Quarrington, The University of Adelaide

***For paper titled - Traumatic subaxial cervical facet subluxation and dislocation injury: Epidemiology, radiographic analysis and risk factors for spinal cord injury.***

### **2. Best Paper Award**

An award of \$2,000 is given for the best paper presented to the Annual Meeting. Presentations are judged on their scientific merit and usefulness to the research or clinical community.

We thank NuVasive for their support of this award in 2017.

The 2017 Winner is: Dr Richard Storey, Christchurch Public Hospital and Burwood Spinal Unit

***For paper titled: Urgent closed reduction of the dislocated cervical spine: Optimising regional hospital management.***

### **3. Best Poster Award**

An award of \$1,000 is given for the best poster presented to the Annual Meeting. Posters are judged on their clarity and scientific merit.

The 2017 Winner is: MD Armen Khachatryan, The Disc Replacement Centre

***For paper titled** – Seven year results from a prospective randomized clinical trial of 2-level cervical disc replacement vs ACDF.*

### **4. The Rob Johnston Award**

This \$1,000 prize is awarded annually to the best paper presented at the Scientific Meeting by a surgical trainee or junior research scientist.

The 2017 Winner is: Ms Vonne Van Heeswijk

***For paper titled:** The effect of an annular puncture on the herniation pathway. An in vitro structural investigation.*

### **5. Alastair Robson Award**

This award of \$1,000 is for the most outstanding contribution by a clinician or clinicians in clinical practice. This may take the form of high quality audit, case series or a prospective or retrospective study. This award is intended to recognise the important contribution that clinicians may make to the Society without use of control subjects or randomisation.

The 2017 Winner is: Dr Graeme Brazenor

***For the paper titled:** A retrospective analysis of 13 new spinal implants, operations or investigational modalities in 35 years of spinal surgery, and of how we can do this better*