

## 2019 ASM PRIZES AND AWARDS

There were 6 awards presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting for the free paper presentations. These are outlined below, along with the names of the award winners and their abstract titles.

### 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. Manuscripts must be received by the submission deadline in order to be considered. Authors should also submit an Abstract of the same work by the submission deadline for oral presentation. 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.

**Ms Dhara Amin** *"Simulated repetitive lifting causes lumbar disc herniation: A clinically relevant biomechanics cadaveric study"*.

### 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.

**Dr Mark Hoggarth** *"Magnetization Transfer Imaging and Whiplash: A new approach to imaging of the cervical spine after a motor vehicle crash"*.

### 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.

**MD Teruo Kita** *"Is Calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate crystal deposition spondylitis one of the differential diagnoses of spinal*

*infections? (2nd report)".*

#### **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.

**Dr Thomas Nottage** "*Magnetic resonance imaging morphology of lumbar paraspinal muscles following successful bilateral facet joint denervation*".

#### **5.The Clayton Adam Award**

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

**Dr Kyle Sheldrick**

*"Decay Variance: A New Magnetic Resonance Technique for Diagnosing Inter-vertebral Disc Degeneration"*.

#### **6. Alastair Robson Award**

This \$1,000 award 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.

**Dr Kristopher Lundine**

*"Allogenic RBC Transfusion Following Traditional Fusion Versus a Minimally-Invasive Growth-Friendly Technique for the Treatment of Neuromuscular Scoliosis"*.

## *Scholarships*

For SSA 2019, five scholarships were awarded to Australasian Early Career ASM attendees.

A total of \$10,000 of funding was made available, and each scholarship recipient was able to claim up to \$1,500 for conference expenses. The scholarship recipients were as follows:

Kyle Sheldrick

Nurul Haiza

Sapiee Louay

Baroun-Agob

David Anderson Erica

Beaucage-Gauvreau

All of the above recipients presented an oral abstract presentation at the ASM.