

## **2018 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.

### **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 Nurul Haiza Sapiee**

*New Evidence for Structural Integration across the Cartilage-Vertebral Endplate Junction and its Relation to Herniation*

### **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 Arts,**

*Tubular Discectomy vs Conventional Microdiscectomy for the treatment of lumbar disk herniation – Long-term results of a Randomized Controlled Trial*

### **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.

**Ms Dhara Amin**

*Analysis of internal disc strains and injury during simulation of repetitive lifting motions*

#### **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 Yu Chao Lee**

*Sacral Obliquity and Oblique Lumbosacral Take-off in Congenital Scoliosis are Associated with Lumbar Hemivertebra*

#### **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.

**Mr Javad Tavakoli**

*The Biomechanics of the Inter-Lamellar Matrix and the Lamella during Lumbar Disc Herniation: Which is the Weakest Link?*

#### **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.

**A/Prof Peter Cundy**

*Metal Ion Release in Children having Spinal Fusion for Scoliosis*