



## The “Reviewer of the Year” award 2022/2023

Peer review is an essential quality control measure for every scientific journal. As part of this process fully automated security mechanisms established by the publishers including for example reference and duplicate submission checks are nowadays the standard. They are extremely helpful to avoid plagiarism and fraud. However, the most important part of the peer review process still remains the individual evaluation of each scientific submission by highly qualified specialists in the field. These reviewers are of outstanding importance for every scientific journal, because the better the reviews the better the journal!

In an attempt to reward the voluntary and excellent work of our Brain and Spine reviewers, we established last year for the first time a “Reviewer of the Year” award”. This honor was very well received by our reviewers and editorial board members; hence we decided to grant this award on a yearly basis.

Evaluation for this year award started in July 2022 and ended in June 2023 covering the second academic year of Brain and Spine. The details of this independent, structured and reliable point based evaluation process have been already published (Frank and Peul, 2022). Like last year we decided to have two award winners, the best “Brain” and the best “Spine” Reviewer of the Year.

Each Reviewer of the Year will be rewarded with ...

- free entrance to the annual EUROSPINE or EANS conference 2023,
- ceremonial handover of the award during the annual EUROSPINE or EANS congress 2023,
- 2 free tickets to the EUROSPINE or EANS congress evenings 2023, and
- the reviewers name and CVs will be published in Brain and Spine (see below).

We want to take this opportunity to thank all reviewers and editorial board members of Brain and Spine for their excellent work. We really appreciate that, because without you our journal wouldn't make such an outstanding progress.

If some of our readers want to learn more about becoming a reviewer, please have a look at our publishers “Reviewer Hub” website (<https://www.elsevier.com/reviewers>) that provides many information and training modules on how to conduct a good review. If you think you are qualified to become a reviewer of Brain and Spine, please send us your application ([BAS@Elsevier.com](mailto:BAS@Elsevier.com)). By the way, you will also find ten very good reasons on this website (<https://www.elsevier.com/connect/reviewers-update/ten-reasons-to-accept-your-next-invitation-to-review>) why you should consider becoming a reviewer, including the fact that, “reviewing is fun” (Frank and Peul, 2022).

### Literature:

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Frank and Peul, 2022 Frank Kandziora, Wilco Peul: Reviewing is fun. The Reviewer of the Year Award of the Brain and Spine Journal. Brain Spine. 2022;2:100931. doi: 10.1016/j.bas.2022.100931. eCollection 2022.

The “Reviewers of the Year 2022/2023” are...

**Dr. med. Stavros Stavidis, Thessaloniki, Greece**



Born 1974 in Greece, Dr. med. Stavros Stavidis graduated from the Medical School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece and promoted as “Dr. med” at the J. W. Goethe-University in Frankfurt, Germany. After completing his training in Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery in the University Hospital in Thessaloniki, he specialized in Spine Surgery within a 2-year Fellowship at the multidisciplinary Center for Spinal Surgery and Neurotraumatology at the BGU Hospital in Frankfurt, as well as at the Center for Spinal Disorders in Denver, CO, USA. Currently he is working as an Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon in the “St. Luke’s” Clinic in Thessaloniki and is Head of the Orthopaedic Department of the Insurance Fund of the National Bank of Greece, Division of Northern Greece. He is Committee and Ex-Com member of EUROSPINE and the Hellenic Spine Society.

**Prof. Dr. Med. Sandro M. Krieg, Munich, Germany**



Sandro Krieg is Vice Chair at Klinikum rechts der Isar, Professor of Neurosurgery at TU Munich, and appointed Chair at the Department of

Neurosurgery at Heidelberg University Hospital starting October 2023. He holds an MBA at HNU and UCLA School of Public Health and had a research leave at UCSF to deepen his research on eloquent lesions, brain mapping, awake surgery, and neurophysiology.

His clinical subspecialties are surgical neurooncology, vascular neurosurgery, and complex spine.

He served as IM delegate 2016-2020, member of the EANS Young Neurosurgeons Committee 2018-2021, and as chair of the Academy Task Force from 2020 to 2023.

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