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## **NASS Announces 2009 Research Grant and Clinical Traveling Fellowship Winners**

San Francisco, CA - The North American Spine Society (NASS) today announced the recipients of the 2009 Research Grant and Clinical Traveling Fellowship awards. Recipients were announced and recognized at NASS' 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

### **Research Grant**

Neuroprotective Approaches to Enhance Recovery in Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy

Principle Investigator: Michael G. Fehlings, MD, PhD, FRCSC

### **Clinical Traveling Fellowship**

Joannes J. Verlaan, MD, PhD

NASS research grants provide funding for promising research projects by qualified investigators in the field of spine. Clinical traveling fellowships span at least one month and are spent in three to five different medical centers studying spine techniques. Fellowships primarily cover the costs of travel and housing for the applicant. A total of \$54,993.86 was awarded to the recipients selected by the NASS Research Project Management Committee and Research Council on the basis of scientific merit, considering significance of the project, approach and feasibility.

As an organization dedicated to a multispecialty approach to spine, NASS' research program is uniquely important. NASS has funded more than \$2 million in multidisciplinary spine-related research since 1989. NASS supports basic, clinical and translational science performed with integrity with the goal of improving quality spine care for patients and understanding underlying disorders. One way NASS achieves these goals is through the funding of grants and fellowships.

### **About NASS**

The North American Spine Society (NASS) is a multidisciplinary medical organization dedicated to fostering the highest quality, evidence-based, and ethical spine care by promoting education, research, and advocacy. NASS is comprised of more than 5,500 members from several disciplines including orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, physiatry, neurology, radiology, anesthesiology, research, physical therapy and other spine care professionals. For more information, visit [www.spine.org](http://www.spine.org).

### **About NASS' 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

NASS' 24th Annual Meeting is being held in San Francisco, November 10-14, 2009, at the Moscone Center South. For more information, or to view press releases related to the meeting, please visit [NASS' Annual Meeting Web site](#).