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RE: Luiz Vialle AO Spine Knowledge Forum Award 2024

Dear Dr. Sebastian F. Bigdon,

We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected for the Luiz Vialle AO Spine Knowledge Forum (KF) Award 2024. The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding performance, active participation, dedication, quality of work, and leadership of AO Spine KF members and to encourage them in future KF activities.

The award winners will be recognized at the in-person AO Spine KF meetings taking place during the Global Spine Congress 2024.

The recipients of the award will receive economy transportation and two nights of accommodation to attend the AO Spine KF's in-person meetings within the next calendar year, starting from January 1, 2024, until December 31, 2024. This covers approximately two meetings, one of which will take place at the Global Spine Congress 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. Recipients must adhere to the AO travel policy (attachment 1), and travel bookings will be organized through AO Spine Research by the AO's travel agency.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you will accept this award. Please take note that the award cannot be postponed or extended beyond the period for which it was originally granted.

We wish you every success in your career and in your involvement with the KFs. We look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Charles Fisher Chairperson AO Spine Research Commission

ATTACHMENT: 1) AO Travel Policy

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