Dr. Vijay K. Goel, Ph.D. received the ISSLS Wiltse Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is sponsored by NuVasive, Creative Spine Technology. This yearly award for exceptional achievement in the spinal field is presented for the 11th year at the annual meeting of the ISSLS in New Zealand April 13-17, 2010.

Dr. Goel is a Distinguished University Professor, Endowed Chair & McMaster-Gardner Professor of Orthopaedic Bioengineering. He is also Co-Director of the Engineering Center for Orthopaedic Research Excellence (E-CORE) in the departments of Bioengineering and Orthopaedic Surgery here at The University of Toledo Colleges of Engineering and Medicine. Nominees for this award have been proposed by officers of universities, hospitals and/or spine research institutions. Past awardees have been outstanding individual scientists, clinicians or basic science researchers who have made a major contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of spinal disorders.