



# EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF POISONS CENTRES AND CLINICAL TOXICOLOGISTS

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## Young Investigator Award

### 1. Purpose

This award is designed to encourage young investigators to perform original research on a subject related to clinical toxicology or poison control, submit the research to the EAPCCT annual congress and to come to the congress to present their research.

### 2. Amount

The prize is an honorarium of €1,000.

### 3. Rules

- Young investigators are defined as <40y of age on the last day of the congress (i.e. June 1st, 2012). This will be confirmed by passport check prior to the prize being awarded.
- The young investigator must be the principal investigator of the research being presented. This means that they have taken the lead in performing the research and are the most appropriate person to present the research at the congress. It is acceptable for the young investigator to have research collaborators over the age of 40 and these can be listed on the abstract. This might include a research supervisor.
- The research submitted must be original and must not have been published or presented at another conference.
- Applicants do not need to be members of EAPCCT but they must be present at the congress to present the research. Current members of the EAPCCT Board and Scientific Committee are not eligible to apply for the Young Investigator Award, but they may appear as co-authors on the abstract.
- Previous winners are not eligible.

#### **4. Judging the winner**

- Abstracts are submitted for the congress via the EAPCCT website in the usual way. At the time of submission authors are asked if they meet the age criteria for the award.
- Abstracts are scored by multiple referees as part of the general EAPCCT abstract reviewing process. This includes a score for overall quality.
- The chairman of the Scientific and Meetings Committee makes a preliminary shortlist of abstracts to be considered for the award, using the average scores from the review process. The criteria for inclusion on the preliminary shortlist will be presented to the Committee prior to the discussion of the abstracts.
- Members of the Scientific and Meetings Committee who have a relevant conflict of interest in relation to any abstracts on the shortlist declare this and leave the room until the final decision. Relevant conflicts include (but are not limited to) being involved in the research or having close ties to individual researchers involved in the submissions.
- The Scientific and Meetings Committee members without relevant conflicts of interest consider each abstract on the preliminary shortlist and decide which (and how many) should be on the final shortlist.
- Those on the final shortlist are invited to make an oral presentation of their work at the Young Investigator session at the congress.
- Age is verified for all shortlisted investigators by passport check in advance of the session.
- Oral presentations for the award take place in one session. The quality of presentations is judged by 3 senior judges who are invited to do this by the chairman of the Scientific and Meetings Committee. These judges will not have relevant conflicts of interest as defined above.
- The judges will score each presentation on the basis of scientific quality, clarity of the presentation, the originality of the research and the skill of the presenter in answering questions from the audience. At the end of the session the judges will come to a consensus on which presenter should receive the award. If consensus cannot be reached the decision is reached by vote. Only one award can be made. The decision of the judges is final.
- The award is made to the winner at the end of the session

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