AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

IMSANZ ADVANCED TRAINEE PRIZE

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1.0 Award
IMSANZ Advanced Trainee Prize

2.0 Purpose
To recognise and reward the valuable contribution made by trainees. The prize will be awarded for the best presentation by an IMSANZ trainee member at the Annual Scientific Meeting or other conference nominated by IMSANZ.

3.0 Eligibility
Applicants must meet the following criteria:
- current IMSANZ Trainee Member;
- a trainee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians; and
- not have previously been awarded this prize.

4.0 Award Value
AUD $1,500 awarded to first prize winner, oral presentation
AUD $750 awarded to runner-up, oral presentation
AUD $750 awarded to first prize winner, poster prize

5.0 Abstract Submission
All abstracts should be original research. Broadly, this could also include an audit, a case report, or a description of a new innovation in health services delivery or education; however, the onus is on the author to demonstrate the significance of any work offered for this conference.

5.1 Abstract Format
The general specifications are:
- The maximum length of the abstract, including references, is 300 words.
- Abbreviations may be used but must be spelt out in full at the first mention followed by the abbreviation in parentheses.

5.2 Title
The abstract title should be in initial capital/lower case, not all capitals.

5.3 Authors
Authors’ names should be supplied in the surname-last format and should be in initial capital/lower case, not all capitals. Institutional affiliations should be indicated with superscript numbers following the author name.

5.4 Affiliation
All affiliations must state the author’s institution, city and country.

5.5 Abstract Text
The abstract should be in the form of bolded structured headings (with blank line spaces between each section) as follows: Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Sub headings may be used but should not be given separate paragraphs.

5.6 References
References may be included either “inline” in the abstract text or in a list following the abstract. The style of the references should follow the style of the Internal Medicine Journal e.g. numbered or author/date style. All references included in a reference list must be cited within the abstract text.

5.7 Tables
Tables may be included with abstracts and must be cited in the abstract text. The abstracts themselves must be in text, not table format.
5.8 Figures
All figures should be cited in the text of the abstract.

6.0 Presentations

6.1 Oral Presentations
If you are selected to offer an oral presentation you will need to prepare a 15 minute presentation (including Q&A).

- Audience participation is an important part of the session and at least 3 minutes must be left for questions and answers.
- Supervisors are encouraged to attend the annual scientific meeting to support their Trainee and provide expert comment.
- The presentation should concern original and unpublished observations made by the Trainee. Preference will be given to a presentation which includes an Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion.

6.2 Poster Presentations
There may be a scientific poster display with programmed presentation and discussion periods. The poster panels will be Velcro-sensitive and measure 1200mm high by 900mm wide (A0 size). Your poster should cover the top half of the board. The poster should be laminated and the text should be in a font of sufficient size for easy reading at a distance of 1 metre.

7.0 Judging
The judging panel will be chosen from three senior delegates attending the Meeting as nominated by the Scientific Committee and will be chaired by one of the Fellows on the session panel.

In choosing the best paper the judges shall take into account the concept and content of the study, the manner of presentation and handling of questions.

All abstracts will be subject to review by the Scientific Committee to allow fair evaluation. Depending on the decision of the Scientific Committee, the paper will either be assigned an oral presentation or a poster presentation. Poorly presented abstracts may be rejected.

All authors will be notified of their acceptance or otherwise within one month of the submission closing date.

8.0 Terms and Conditions
- Please note that all accepted abstract submissions will be published on the Meeting website and the IMSANZ website unless specific exclusion is requested eg due to submission for publication elsewhere. The abstract submitted for review will be the final version for publication. Please ensure your abstract adheres to the guidelines stipulated.
- All presenting authors [oral/poster] are required to register and pay for their Meeting registration. Acceptance of abstracts into the conference programme is contingent upon receipt of the registration fee.
- An award will not be granted on the basis of research for which a previous award has been received.
- Applicants must specify their personal contribution to the research and list other authors.
- Previous winners may not apply.

9.0 Applications
If you wish to be considered for this award, please submit your abstract in Word format on the IMSANZ 2013 Template using the online registration process on the IMSANZ conference website no later than the due date as advertised.

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