



Guidelines and Conditions for APDWF / JGHF Young Investigators Awards

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APDWF / JGHF AWARDS AND GRANTS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) is an annual scientific meeting organized by The Asian Pacific Digestive Week Federation (hereinafter referred to as the “APDWF”). It is a registered company with 12 Directors on the Board. The Board of Directors comprises 3 representatives from each of its four Founding Members, namely, the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE), the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL), the Asian Pacific Society for Digestive Endoscopy (APSDE) and the International Society for Digestive Surgery-Asian Pacific Section (ISDS). These regional associations have common interest in Digestive diseases including the oesophagus, stomach, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, Intestine and bowel.

Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Foundation (JGHF) is a trust, which has been set up with the primary objective of promoting research and training in the field of digestive disease in the Asia-Pacific region.

Several awards and grants are available to applicants from Asian Pacific countries who attend the APDW congress.

The awards and grants are sponsored by APDWF & JGHF and administered by the respective Local Organising Committee (LOC).

2. TIMETABLE

2.1 APDWF / JGHF Young Investigator’s Awards (YIA)

Applications for YIA should be published on APDW website and close 14 weeks before the congress.

The shortlisted applicants shall present at the APDW and the winners shall be announced at the end of the presentation/congress.

3. APDWF / JGHF YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD (YIA)

3.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Young Investigator Award (YIA) is to stimulate interest in research training by rewarding outstanding examples of excellence amongst those involved in research training in the early stages of their career (up to five (5) years following the completion of training in gastroenterology/hepatology). Authors / Applicants must be from nationalities of Asian Pacific countries.

The Award will be presented at the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW). It is jointly sponsored by the APDWF and the JGHF.

3.2 Selection Process

An Abstract Selection Committee of three (3) to five (5) people from a range of countries within the region needs to be established. This committee should include at least one (1) member of the APDWF Board of Directors and one (1) member of the JGHF Board of Trustees.

In assessing the applicants for the YIA the selection committee should take into account the following criteria:

Quality and scientific merit of the abstract	50%
Quality of presentation	25%
Ability to defend the work	25%
Applicants	

Applicants for the YIA should be short-listed according to the score assigned by the Abstract Selection Committee.

All short-listed papers should be granted an oral presentation.

Applicants whose papers are not shortlisted may be invited to present at the oral or poster sessions.

A member on the JGHF Board of Trustees shall be appointed to chair the session.

3.3 Presentation

Presentation of the award could be made at the end of the Congress. An appropriate person will describe the study and announce the winner.

A member of the APDWF Board of Directors or JGHF Board of Trustees shall be invited to present the award.

In order to ensure all applicants are at the presentation, all short-listed applicants should be invited to attend at no personal cost.

3.4 Awards

The 3 best papers shall receive the following awards:

1st prize: USD 2,000

2nd prize: USD 1,500

3rd prize: USD 1,000