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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 Travel Grants

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

The successful applicants shall be informed at least 8 weeks before the congress and given 1 week to accept the grant.
3. APDWF / JGHF TRAVEL GRANTS

3.1 Objective
The APDWF / JGHF Travel Grants are to provide the opportunity for clinicians and scientists in the early stages of their career (up to five (5) years following the completion of training in gastroenterology/hepatology) to broaden their education and experience the field of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Applicants must be from nationalities of Asia-Pacific countries.

3.2 Description
A maximum of seventy (70) grants of US$1,500 each will be available.

Grants are fully sponsored by the APDWF and the JGH Foundation and are administered by the organisers of APDW.

The Grant can only be used to fund attendance at APDW in the relevant year and is not transferable.

Priority will be given to (1) Applicants who have submitted an abstract for APDW or (2) Applicants from countries with limited opportunities to attend education and training activities.

3.3 Selection Committee
The Local Organising Committee (LOC) shall determine the selection committee to shortlist the applicants.

3.4 Applicants
Applicants must submit abstract and present personally at the APDW.

Applicants must be able to converse in English.

Their curriculum vitae together with list of papers presented and published must be submitted with the abstract(s) at the time of application.

3.5 Attendance at APDWF-JGHF Young Clinician Investigator Program
All selected grant recipient must attend the APDWF-JGHF Young Clinician Investigator Program (YCIP) which is held one day before the Post-Graduate Course.

This one-day course will include academic areas closely related to gastroenterology which are often not covered in detail in gastroenterology training program in the region, such as epidemiology, study design, research methodology, biostatistics, good clinical practices, clinical trial methodology. In addition, attempt will be made to impart skills related to better writing of scientific manuscripts, and on how to read and interpret published literature.