



Guidelines and Conditions for APDWF Posters of Distinction

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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 Posters of Distinction Awards

Applications for Poster of Distinction Awards should be published on APDW website and close 14 weeks before the congress.

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

3. APDWF POSTERS OF DISTINCTION AWARD

3.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Posters of Distinction Award 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.) and who prefer to present

their papers in poster mode. Applicants / Authors must be from nationalities of Asia-Pacific countries.

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

3.2 Selection Process

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

Up to 24 best free papers submitted for poster presentation shall be selected as moderated posters. Each presenter shall be given 2 minutes for presentation to the panel of judges and 3 minutes to defend their work.

3.3 Poster Presenters

The authors shortlisted for the awards must present their posters personally and pay registration fee to qualify for the award.

3.4 Assessment

A panel of 3-5 faculty from a range of countries within the region shall be invited as judges.

At least one member of the APDWF Board of Directors shall sit on the judging panel.

In assessing the applicants for the award, the panel of judges should take into account the following criteria:

Quality & Scientific merit of the abstract	50%
Quality of the poster and presentation	25%
Ability to defend the work.	25%

3.5 Presentation

The President or representative of the APDWF Board of Directors should be invited to present the award.

3.6 Awards

A maximum of five (5) Posters of Distinction shall be awarded at USD1,500 each to presenters from Asian Pacific nationalities.