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APDWF / JGHFoundation 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 (JGHFoundation) 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 & JGHFoundation and administered by the respective Local Organizing Committee (LOC). LOC shall submit the list of awardees and travel grant recipients with proofs of payment to the APDWF and JGHFoundation when processing the claims at the end of the congress.

2. TIMETABLE

2.1 APDWF / JGHFoundation 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 APDWF / JGHFoundation 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 / JGHFoundation 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 JGHFoundation.

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 JGHFoundation Board of Trustees.

The committee requires a copy of the guidelines for abstract selection established by the Organizing Committee.

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 JGHFoundation 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 JGHFoundation 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

4. APDWF POSTERS DISTINCTION AWARD

4.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Posters 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 Awards will be presented at the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) and is sponsored by the APDWF.

4.2 Selection Process

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

The committee requires a copy of the guidelines for abstract selection established by the LOC.

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.

4.3 Poster Presenters

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

4.4 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%

4.5 Presentation

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

4.6 Awards

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

5. APDWF / JGHFoundation TRAVEL GRANTS

5.1 Objective

The APDWF / JGHFoundation 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.

5.2 Description

A maximum of seventy (70) grants of USD1,500 each will be available.

Grants are fully sponsored by the APDWF and the JGHFoundation and are administered by the organizers 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.

5.3 Selection Committee

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

The committee requires a copy of the guidelines for abstract selection established by the LOC.

5.4 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.

5.5 Attendance at APDWF-JGHFoundation Young Clinician Investigator Program

All selected grant recipient must attend the APDWF-JGHFoundation 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.