

**PHILIPPINE PEDIATRIC SOCIETY, INC.  
COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AWARDS**

**BULLETIN OF INFORMATION (2010)**

**A. CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. A research paper can be entered in only one (1) award category which must be specified at the time of submission. A researcher with any number of completed papers may submit them and join in all categories EXCEPT in the category of Young Researcher Award. All research papers should have been completed within the last 2 years. When drug/s are utilized in the study, only the generic name/s of drugs should be used.

**2.ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA BY RESEARCH CATEGORY**

**2.1 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND IMMUNOLOGY**

*Description: Clinical studies on infectious diseases and immunology*

*Qualified to join* are members of PPS in good standing who had already completed residency training and presently engaged in the practice, research or teaching of Pediatrics.

**2.2 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for COMMUNITY PEDIATRICS**

*Description: Studies which are community based or community oriented.*

*Qualified to join:*

- 2.2.1 Pediatric Residents
- 2.2.2 Consultants who are members of PPS in good standing
- 2.2.3 Should come from any PPS accredited hospital

**2.3 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS**

*Description: Any topic relevant to pediatrics*

*Qualified to join:*

- 2.3.1 A pediatric resident in training or who has recently graduated from pediatric residency training within the last six (6) months from PPS accredited hospitals
- 2.3.2 In case of multiple authorship, the Senior Author should satisfy the above qualifications. No consultant should be a co-author.

**2.4 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for BASIC SCIENCE**

*Description: Basic science, also known as basic Biomedical research, fundamental research, basic scientific research, pre-clinical research refers to research studies of the cellular and molecular level of life that facilitates the understanding of diseases, disorders and treatments.*

*Qualified to join:*

- 2.4.1 A PPS member in good standing
- 2.4.2 In case of multiple authorship, the senior author should satisfy the above qualification.

**2.5 PPS CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD for NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

*Description: Studies relevant to pediatrics other than those dealing with infections and communicable diseases*

*Qualified to join:*

- 2.5.1 Pediatric residents
- 2.5.2 Consultants who are members of PPS in good standing
- 2.5.3 Should come from any PPS accredited hospital

**2.6 PPS YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD**

**2.6.1 Eligibility Criteria**

- i. Below forty (40) years old
- ii. A PPS member in good standing or a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year pediatric resident of any PPS accredited hospital and recommended by a PPS Fellow in good standing
- iii. Principal author of at least two (2) previous winning papers (1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> , 3<sup>rd</sup> places only) of any PPS sponsored research contest.
- iv. Submit one most recent prospective research paper that has not been published or entered in any research contest where the applicant is the principal author.

## 2.6.2 Rules and Regulations for the Young Research Award:

- i. Preliminary screening will be done by the Research Awards Committee which will select a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of five (5) research papers.
- ii. Only one (1) entry is allowed per researcher.
- iii. Only one (1) grand prize will be awarded.
- iv. Other documents required for the complete evaluation of the young researcher:
  - Curriculum vitae
  - List of research publications
  - Copies of previous winning papers in PPS Research contest with proof of winning (certificate of PPS certification)

### 3. CRITERIA FOR DISQUALIFICATION

- 3.1 Members of the Research Awards Committee
- 3.2 Researches done outside the Philippines
- 3.3 Researches that have been published and presented in a national convention
- 3.4 Extension of a previous work (e.g. Increase in the number of subjects using the same study design) that has previously won a prize in PPS and other medical societies
- 3.5 Presence of identifying marks in the body of the paper, identification of the author/s and institution/hospital of origin of the paper, brand name/s of drug/s, if utilized
- 3.6 Papers submitted after the set deadline (**December 15, 2010**)
- 3.7 Research papers entered in the wrong category

### 4. SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

- 4.1 Submit seven (7) original copies of the paper with abstracts following the PPS form (copy enclosed) to the PPS Secretariat
- 4.2 Research papers should be typewritten double spaced on 8.5 x 13 "bond paper
- 4.3 Make sure there are *no identifying marks in the body of the paper*
- 4.4 *Specify in **BOLD LETTERS** on the folder the specific research category that you are entering i.e. PPS Mead Johnson, PPS Bristol Myers Squibb, PPS Pediatrica, etc.*
- 4.5 The name of the author/s, corresponding institution and/or contact number: telephone, Fax, beeper numbers should be placed in a separate paper enclosed in a sealed envelope.
- 4.6 The envelope should be marked outside with the:
  - 4.6.1 Title of the Paper
  - 4.6.2 Research Award Category

### 5. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING AND GRADING SCALE

- 5.1 Scope. (Volume of work)
  - 5.1.1 Different aspects of the topic
  - 5.1.2 Materials and Methods
  - 5.1.3 Completeness of follow-up observations depending on the nature and extent of work
- 5.2 Style and Approach
  - 5.2.1 Presentation of results
  - 5.2.2 Medical Journalism
  - 5.2.3 Thoroughness of Discussion
- 5.3 Analysis and Drawing of Conclusion/Summary
- 5.4 Relevance/usefulness and practical application, or responsiveness to national priority needs
- 5.5 Originality especially in the Philippine Medical Literature. This criterion is used only as a tie breaker.

### GRADING SCALE

Each of the four criteria (no. 1-4) is graded on a scale of 1-5, where 5 is the highest and 1 the lowest. Fractions are acceptable. A maximum score of 120 points can be achieved from all six (6) members of the Committee. To emphasize the importance of the Prospective paper vs. one which is Retrospective, a bonus of 2 points will be added to the total score of the former.

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS AND AWARDING OF PRIZES

The titles of the winning papers and their respective authors will be announced and awarded during the closing ceremonies of the Annual Convention.

### 7. PUBLICATION

- 7.1 All contest papers automatically become the property of PPS.
- 7.2 Winning papers will be published in the Philippine Journal of Pediatrics subject to the approval of the PPS – Editorial Board.
- 7.3 Non-winning papers may be published if selected by the editorial board of the Philippine Journal of Pediatrics.
- 7.4 Papers may be submitted for publication elsewhere upon the request of the author/s and with the consent of the PPS Board of Trustees.

## **8. DISPOSITION OF PAPER**

- 8.1 All winning and non-winning papers will be turned over to the Committee on Research Forum and Seminar for final disposition. All authors/institutions will be duly notified.
- 8.2 Disqualified papers due to technicality and which have been amended , may be resubmitted for the following year.
- 8.3 A winning paper may be presented in another forum or may be submitted for another publication but only with the permission of the PPS Board of Trustees

## **9. PRIZES FOR THE SIX(6) CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH AWARDS**

### **9.1 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND IMMUNOLOGY (For Consultants)**

|                       |           |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | - P 8,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | - P 6,000 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | - P 4,000 |

### **9.2 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for COMMUNITY PEDIATRICS ( For Consultants and Residents)**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | - P 8,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | - P 6,000 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | - P 4,000 |

### **9.3 PPS RESEARCH AWARD FOR PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | - P 8,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | - P 6,000 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | - P 4,000 |

### **9.4 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for BASIC SCIENCE (For Consultants)**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | - P 8,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | - P 6,000 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | - P 4,000 |

### **9.5 PPS RESEARCH AWARD for NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (Two (2) separate groups: one (1) for consultants and one (1) for residents)**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | - P 8,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | - P 6,000 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | - P 4,000 |

### **9.6 PPS YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD**

P20,000 Plus Trophy

## **DEADLINE for SUBMISSION:**

All entries must be submitted on or before **December 15, 2010 (Wednesday)**.

## Guidelines for a Structured Abstract

Please follow these guidelines to prepare a structured abstract. Collaborate with your preceptor or reviewer as necessary to adapt the information in your abstract to the format shown in the gray box below.

- Provide the required information at the top of the form.
- Your abstract should not exceed 325 words.
- Type your abstract in white bond paper, legal size (8.5 x 13 inches), single-spaced using MS Word (version 2007), font size 12 of Times New Roman, with 1 inch border on all sides.
- Use standard abbreviations. Place abbreviations in a parenthesis after the full words appear for the first time. Use numerals to indicate numbers, except at the beginning of sentences.
- Organize the body of your abstract using the sample format described in the box sample below.

**CAPITALIZE ENTIRE ABSTRACT TITLE.** The name of the author and institution should not in any way appear in any page or body of the manuscript. Just leave blank the space for author and institution.

**Objective:** State the main objective of the study and the major hypothesis tests, if any.

**Design:** Describe the design of the study indicating, as appropriate, use of randomization, blinding, gold standards for diagnosis test and temporal direction (retrospective or prospective)

**Setting:** Indicate the study setting (hospital, clinic, community). Also include the level of clinical area (for example, primary or tertiary; private practice or instructional).

**Patients/Participants:** State selection procedures, entry criteria, and numbers of participants entering and finishing the study.

**Interventions** (if any): Describe the essential features of any interventions, including their method and duration of administration.

**Main Outcome Measure(s):** The primary study outcome measures should be indicated and planned before data collection began. If hypothesis being reported was formulated during or after collection, this fact should be clearly stated.

**Results:** Describe measurements that are not evident from the nature of the main results and indicate any blinding. If possible, the results should be accompanied by levels of significance. For comparative studies, confidence intervals should be related to the difference between groups. Absolute values should be indicated when risk changes or effect sizes are given.

**Conclusions:** State only those conclusions of the study that are directly supported by data, along with their clinical application (avoiding overgeneralization) or whether additional study is required before the information could be used in usual clinical settings. Equal emphasis must be given to both positive and negative findings of scientific merit.