ASCEPT Integrative Pharmacology/Toxicology Prize

Eligibility criteria
The ASCEPT Integrative Pharmacology/Toxicology Prize was established in 2010 and is awarded at the Annual Scientific Meeting to an Honours OR Higher Degree student for the best poster communication in this category. To be eligible for this prize, students’ studies must involve animal-based research incorporating in vivo experimental techniques and demonstrate excellence in the care of animals.

Application process
To apply for this prize, students MUST select *Yes, my work involves the use of animals* in order to receive the application package for the ASCEPT Integrative Pharmacology/Toxicology Prize and select *Poster presentation* as the presentation preference during the online abstract submission process.

To be considered for the Prize, applicants must submit a 500-word statement about their in vivo, animal-based experimentation and how they have demonstrated excellence in the care of animals and adherence to the highest ethical standards (in PDF format). The 500-word statement is due to ascept@ascept.org by midnight 31 May 2024. Information on how to prepare this document is outlined below.

Judging Process
The winner of the ASCEPT Integrative Pharmacology/Toxicology Prize will be selected via a three-stage judging process:

1. 500-word statements will be reviewed by Special Interest Group (SIG)-appointed judging panels for eligibility and shortlisting for each SIG.
2. SIG-appointed judging panels will judge shortlisted applicants specific to their SIG according to the scientific quality, innovation and significance of their studies, as well as the ethical considerations of their research project and their ability to field questions with regard to animal welfare.
3. If required, shortlisted student presentations will be judged on the final day of the ASM by a Board-appointed ASCEPT Integrative Pharmacology/Toxicology Prize judging panel. The winner of the ASCEPT Integrative Pharmacology/Toxicology Prize will be announced at a dedicated Prize Award Ceremony at the ASM and will receive a certificate.

Guidelines for preparation of 500-word statement
The statement should be a maximum of 500 words in length and in PDF format. It is to include the following sections:

- Title of presentation (i.e. the same title that appears on the standard abstract)
- Authors (i.e. the same authors that appear on the standard abstract)
• Statement of in vivo animal-based experimentation
  • Details of the care of the animals
  • Discussion of adherence to the highest ethical standards within the project
• Statement on the nominating student’s specific role in the study
• Declaration (see below – not included in word count)
• References (not included in word count)

The statement is to be prepared by the student applicant with minimal or no input from their supervisor or other authors on the abstract. As a general guide, 'minimal' input might reasonably involve minor corrections of a single draft of the document. Students are to include the following declaration at the end of the extended statement which should be signed by themselves and their supervisor.

“We declare that this document was prepared primarily by the nominating student and has undergone minimal corrections by the supervisor or any other author on the accompanying abstract.”

Student’s Name ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Student’s Signature………………………..Date …………………

Supervisor’s Name ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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