

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

BULLETIN OF INFORMATION (2008-2009)

A. CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A research paper can vie for only one (1) research category contest which must be specified at the time of submission. Any number of research papers may be submitted by a researcher EXCEPT in Young Researcher Award Contest. The submitted research paper should have been completed within the last 2 years. When drugs are utilized in the study, only generic names of drugs should be used.

2.ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA BY RESEARCH CATEGORY

2.1 PPS NATRAPHARM RESEARCH AWARD IN 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 his/her training and is now engaged in the practice, research and/or teaching of Pediatrics.

2.2 PPS PEDIATRIC RESEARCH AWARD IN 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 Both should come from a hospital duly accredited by the PPS

2.3 PPS MEAD JOHNSON RESEARCH AWARD

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 past six (6) months from a duly accredited hospital of the PPS.
- 2.3.2 In case of multiple authorship, the Senior Author should satisfy above qualification. No consultant should be a co-author.

2.4 PPS RESEARCH AWARD IN BASIC SCIENCE

Description: Basic science, also known as basic Biomedical research, fundamental research, basic scientific research, pre-clinical research refer to research that looks at the cellular and molecular level of life which in turn facilitates the understanding of diseases, disorders and treatments.

Qualified to join:

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

2.5 PPS CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD IN 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 Both should come from a hospital duly accredited by the PPS

2.6 PPS YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD

2.6.1 Eligibility Criteria

- i. Below forty (40) years old
- ii. A member of PPS in good standing or a 3rd or 4th year pediatric resident of a duly accredited hospital of the PPS may be considered if recommended by a PPS Fellow in good standing
- iii. Principal author of at least two (2) previous winning papers (1st, 2nd, 3rd 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, who will consider only 2 to 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 to allow total 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 Researchers 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 already 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.
- 3.6 Papers submitted after the set deadline (January 15 of each year)
- 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 3 "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 for which it is vying

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 Duration of follow-up observations depending on the nature and extent of work
- 5.2 Style and approach
 - 5.2.1 Presentation and mechanics
 - 5.2.2 Medical journalism
 - 5.2.3 Analysis of work
- 5.3 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 four criteria (nos 1-4) are graded on a scale of 1-5, where 5 is the highest and 1 the lowest. Fractions are acceptable. With six (6) members in the committee, the maximum score that a paper can get will be 120 points. 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 WINNER AND AWARDING OF PRIZES

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

7. PUBLICATIONS

- 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 Papers submitted may be published on a selective basis by the editorial board of the Philippine Journal of Pediatrics
- 7.4 Papers may be released for publication elsewhere upon request of the author/s with the consent of the PPS Board of Trustees

8. DISPOSITION OF PAPER

- 8.1 All winning and non-winning papers will be notified by mail that their papers will be turned over to the Committee on Research Forum and Seminar for proper utilization.
- 8.2 Disqualified papers due to technicalities, may be resubmitted the same paper in the succeeding year's contest.
- 8.3 A winning paper may be presented in other for a or for publication elsewhere with the permission from the PPS Board of Trustees

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

9.1 PPS NATRAPHARM RESEARCH AWARD IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND IMMUNOLOGY (For Consultants)

1 st Prize	- P8,000
2 nd Prize	- P6,000
3 rd Prize	- P4,000

9.2 PPS PEDIATRICA RESEARCH AWARD IN COMMUNITY PEDIATRICS (For Consultants and Residents)

1 st Prize	- P10,000
2 nd Prize	- P8,000
3 rd Prize	- P6,000

9.3 PPS MEAD JOHNSON RESEARCH AWARD (For Pediatric Residents only)

1 st Prize	- P8,000
2 nd Prize	- P6,000
3 rd Prize	- P4,000

9.4 PPS RESEARCH AWARD IN BASIC SCIENCE (For Consultants)

1 st Prize	- P20,000
2 nd Prize	- P15,000
3 rd Prize	- P10,000

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

1 st Prize	- P10,000
2 nd Prize	- P 8,000
3 rd Prize	- P 6,000

9.6 PPS YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD

P20,000 Plus Trophy

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Deadline of Submission:

On or before December 15, 2008 of every year.

If falls on a Sunday or Holiday, deadline will be moved to the next regular working day!

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.

- Print or type the information requested at the top of the form.
- Your abstract may not exceed 325 words.
- Type your abstract, single-spaced using 12-point type (for comparison, these instructions are an example of 12-point type). Leave about two space between type and the border of the abstract box on all sides.
- Use standard abbreviations. Place abbreviations in parenthesis after the full word the first time it appears. Use numerals to indicate numbers, except at the beginning of sentences
- Organize the body of your abstract using the heading and information described in the sample below.

CAPITALIZE ENTIRE ABSTRACT TITLE. Underline only presenting author's name.

Include institution, city state and country. Do not put degrees, titles and full addresses.

Objective: State the main question or 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 care (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 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 significance. For comparative studies, confidence intervals should 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 should be used in usual clinical settings. Equal emphasis must be given to positive and negative findings of equal scientific merit.