5th BD-TCS award for "Excellence in Flow Cytometry"

BD Biosciences, India and The Cytometry Society – India (TCS) are pleased to announce the 5th BD-TCS award for 'Excellence in Flow Cytometry' to recognize the creative use of flow cytometry as a tool for addressing problems in the fields of clinical or basic research. The Award constitutes a prize of Rupees One Hundred Thousand and a citation. It will be given during the Annual Meeting of TCS to be held in October 2013.
We invite eligible investigators to submit their applications by 15th June, 2013 to TCS.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The applicants should be Indian citizens and they should be less than 45 years of age as on 15th June, 2013.
- Only one application will be accepted per individual.
- Employees and contractors of BD Biosciences, and their affiliates are not eligible for this award.
- The research work submitted for the award should have been carried out entirely in India using flow cytometry as a significant experimental tool and published (or accepted for publication) in a peer-reviewed journal from 1st June 2012 to 31st May, 2013.
- The applicant should either be the first or the corresponding author of paper and should submit the agreement from his/her coauthors to submit the paper for an award from TCS.
- Applicant should be a member of The Cytometry Society with no pending dues. If the Applicant is not a member of TCS he/she should become a member prior to applying for the Award.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- A pdf file of the published paper (or the full and final version of the accepted manuscript) should be submitted to The President, TCS at **office@tcs.res.in** before June 15, 2013.
- An acknowledgement will be emailed to the applicant along with a reference number for future correspondence within 15 days of receipt of the application.
- Submitted applications will be screened for eligibility and quality by BD-TCS Award Nomination Committee. One of the members of the nomination committee will be from BD Biosciences, India.
- A minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 short-listed papers will be sent for evaluation to an international Award Committee of flow cytometry experts.
- The submitted papers will be evaluated not only for the likely impact of the results on clinical / basic research practice but also on novelty, relevance, design and execution of the flow cytometry experiments in answering the questions addressed in the study.
- Winner of the Award will be finalized by September 30, 2013. The decision of the Award Committee will be final and cannot be appealed.
- The winner will be felicitated during the Annual TCS Meeting to be held in October 2013 at the Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar and honored with an award of Rs One Lakh and a certificate. A Citation plaque and Certificates acknowledging the work will be handed over to the winner during the occasion.

AWARD COMMITTEE FOR 2013

The Award Committee will consist of leading research workers of international standing in Clinical and Applied Flow Cytometry and a nominee of BD Biosciences, USA.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- By entering this competition, each entrant agrees to abide by these official Rules and the decisions of the judges, which will be binding and final in all respects.
- Both Sponsors – BD Biosciences and TCS - reserve the right to cancel, modify or suspend Promotion, or any part of it, if any fraud, technical failures or any other factor beyond TCS and BD Biosciences reasonable control impairs the integrity or proper functioning of Promotion as determined in its sole discretion, in which case the prize will awarded via a random drawing from among all eligible entries received prior to cancellation.
- The paper submitted for award must be the own work of the Applicant and its submission to the BD-TCS Award must not infringe upon or violate any laws or any rights of third co-authors and parties, including, but not limited to, such violations as infringement or copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret or other proprietary or property right, defamation, violation of rights of privacy, publicity, personality or celebrity, or any contract right, or any other right of any individual, corporation or entity. Entrants must obtain all necessary permissions, licenses, clearances, releases, waivers of moral rights and other approvals from the co-authors and all copyright holders, necessary to make the submission.
- If awarded the BD-TCS Award, the awardee would agree to BD and/or TCS publicizing the name of the awardee, the abstract of the paper and a brief description of the submitted paper on their web pages.
- All taxes, including income taxes, are the sole responsibility of winners.
- The Award winner will be provided to-and-fro travel ticket (Rail AC-2 tier or economy airfare) and local hospitality to attend the TCS annual conference from a port in India.
- These rules and regulations are subject to change without notice for any reason including, without limitation, if necessary to comply with any applicable laws or regulations. By entering the award-contest, entrants agree to abide by these contest rules and regulations and acknowledge that TCS or BD Biosciences shall not be responsible for any damages, costs, demands, claims or losses of any kind, made in connection with, in respect of or arising out of this contest or the award, including without limitation, in connection with the development or use of the submissions.

Application form may be downloaded from the TCS website (www.tcs.res.in) or BD India website (www.bd.com/india)

Last date of submitting the application form is 15th June, 2013

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