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ABSTRACT INFORMATION

Eligibility for Publication in *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*

An abstract that is received by the submission deadline will be considered for publication as an online supplement to the May 2018 issue of AMP's official journal, *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics (JMD)*. In order to be eligible for publication in *JMD*, this abstract must not have been published elsewhere and may not be currently under consideration as an abstract for another meeting that occurs prior to April 2018. It must contain updated or additional data from previous publications of the subject information. Acceptance for publication is the sole decision of the AMP Europe 2018 Organizing Committee. Abstracts that have been previously published or that are under consideration as an abstract for another meeting that occurs prior to April 2018 will be rejected.

Disclosure of Financial Relationships

The AMP Europe 2018 will be an accredited educational activity. To satisfy all requirements, we have implemented a process where everyone who is in a position to influence and/or control the content of an educational activity must disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest and any conflicts of interest must be resolved prior to the educational activity. Participants of the AMP Europe 2018 must be informed of an organizer's and/or a presenter's (speaker, faculty, author, or contributor) academic and professional affiliation and the existence of any relevant financial relationship a presenter has with any proprietary entity producing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on patients, with the exemption of non-profit or government organizations and non-health care related companies. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a speaker from making a presentation. This policy allows the listener/attendee to be fully knowledgeable in evaluating the information being presented. Disclosure includes any relationship that may bias the planning of the educational activity or may bias one's presentation or which, if known, could give the perception of bias. These situations may include, but are not

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Please note that the Corresponding Author of the abstract must submit an appropriate report of potential competing interests for EACH co-author. For the purposes of submitting an abstract to the AMP Europe 2018, there should be disclosure of any aspect of the author's personal or professional circumstances (or that of an immediate family members) that could potentially affect the author's views on the subject that is being presented. The presence of a disclosure of a potential competing interest will not disqualify an abstract for acceptance; however, the disclosure will be noted in the Meeting Program Book, as required by guidelines. The disclosure database is built from these fields. Employees of commercial entities should disclose employment in this section. Noting the Company name in the Author Information field is not sufficient.

Abstract contents

All abstracts are limited to a total of 3,000 characters (including spaces) and either one table (50 characters) or one graphics (300 characters). Your abstract must include the following:

Entry Title

Please type your Abstract Title in title case, e.g., "This Is an Example of Title Case". You may include italics (gene names), Greek letters, and special symbols, e.g. °C (degree sign), etc. The Abstract Title is limited to no more than 300 characters.

1. **Introduction:** a brief discussion of the background or rationale of the study and/or the question addressed.
2. **Methods:** the experimental approach, materials, and methods used in the study.
3. **Results:** the data and results obtained in the study.
4. **Conclusions:** the conclusions and/or implications of the results.





Awards

AMP honors individuals at various stages of their careers through several prestigious awards.

Award Eligibility

The AMP Young Investigator Awards recognize the best abstracts submitted by trainees or early career laboratory scientists who are first authors and who present outstanding basic or applied research in poster format at the AMP Europe 2018. Trainees are defined as students, residents, and postdoctoral fellows. "Early career" is defined as within six years of conferral of a degree or technician certificate.

The mission of the AMP Young Investigator Award is to nurture the next generation of molecular professionals and to encourage junior investigators to ask important original questions, to design sound, controlled experiments with a clear rationale, and to present the results clearly in a poster format. Three AMP Young Investigator Awards will be selected at the AMP Europe 2018. Winners will be recognized at the closing session and receive a stipend.

To qualify for an award, the applicant must be the first author, a trainee or early career technician or laboratorian, and agree to attend the AMP Europe 2018 in order to accept the award personally. Note that there are also Travel Awards available with special eligibility requirements. See the AMP Europe 2018 website for details at: <http://www.amp-europe-congress.com>

Abstract and Poster Rules Specific to Award Applicants

In addition to the General Rules for Abstract Submission, the following Rules apply to the AMP Global Young Investigator Award applicants:

1. Must be First/Presenting Author on the submitted abstract.
2. Must be a trainee or early career laboratory scientist. Trainees are defined as students, residents, and postdoctoral fellows. "Early career" is defined as within six years of conferral of a degree or technician certificate.
3. Poster Size Requirement: All posters must be no larger than 4 feet (122cm) high by 6 feet (1.8 meters) wide. AMP reserves the right to remove posters that exceed the size requirement.
4. Posters must be attended by the Presenting Author during their assigned time period(s). Please note that award applicants may be required to attend their posters at two time periods, one for the committee judging posters and the other for meeting attendees. Authors will be notified of their assigned time(s) in the abstract acceptance notice, which will be emailed to the Corresponding Author by mid-February 2018. The poster attendance schedule will also be noted in the Preliminary Program at www.amp-europe-congress.com and in the Program Book.
5. Must agree to attend the AMP Europe 2018 in order to accept the award personally.





AMP EUROPE 2018 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

Application for this award is made during the abstract submission process.
AMP Europe 2018 Abstract Submission Deadline: **February 8, 2018**

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Three AMP Global Young Investigator Awards will be selected at the AMP Europe 2018 conference. Winners will be recognized at the closing session and receive a stipend.

To qualify for an award, the applicant must be the first/submitting author, a trainee or early career technicians or laboratory scientists, and agree to attend the AMP Europe 2018 conference in order to accept the award personally.

Posters are judged by members of the AMP Global Organizing Committee using the following criteria:

- **Originality:** The work presented should constitute a new and original contribution to methods, results or general analysis of the considered scientific question. For studies that involve a methods comparison, the work should include a rigorous and thoughtful analysis of the clinical or scientific context of the technology.
- **Significance:** The described research or analysis should address a problem that is important to the field of Molecular Pathology.
- **Focus:** The scientific question(s) the investigator has addressed should be clear and the rationale for the described experimentation or analysis must be appropriately focused.
- **Experimental design and control:** Experiments should be well designed and controlled and data rigorously and appropriately analyzed.
- **Presentation:** The poster presentations must be well organized and the work and its conclusions presented in a clearly understandable and compelling manner. In addition, the applicant is expected to describe the research and its conclusions orally while the poster is attended.





IMPORTANT: Award applicants must present their posters at the designated time and attend the closing session, or forfeit eligibility for the award. See the online Preliminary Program and the Program Book for a current meeting schedule.

Judging Criteria for Young Investigator Posters

Prior to the AMP Europe 2018 conference, the Global Organizing Committee reviews and partially scores (35 out of 100 points) accepted abstracts with the criteria listed below. The remainder of the score (65 out of 100 points) will be judged on-site at the conference with the criteria listed below. Similar to all other posters, if the scientific content of the submitted abstract has been altered since its submission, the revised abstract must be included in the poster, as well as a notice stating that a revised abstract is included.

Pre-Conference Evaluation of Abstract (35 points)

- Background, Rationale, and Originality (10 points): The work presented should constitute a new and original contribution to methods, results or general analysis of the considered scientific question. For studies that involve a methods comparison, the work should include a rigorous and thoughtful analysis of the clinical or scientific context of the technology. The scientific question(s) the investigator has addressed should be clear and the rationale for the described experimentation or analysis must be appropriately focused
- Experimental Design (10 points): Experiments should be well designed and controlled and data rigorously and appropriately analyzed.
- Significance of Findings (15 points): The described research or analysis should address a problem that is important to the field of Molecular Pathology.

Poster Review at AMP Europe 2018 (65 points)

The poster presentations must be well organized and the work and its conclusions presented in a clearly understandable and compelling manner. In addition, the applicant is expected to describe the research and its conclusions orally while the poster is attended.

- Quality of Presenter's Oral Presentation of Work (30 points)
- Clarity of Written Presentation (10 points)
- Validity of Conclusions (15 points)
- Format of Poster - Inclusion of Required Elements (10 points)
 - Background or Introduction
 - Materials & Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
 - Appropriate references and acknowledgements

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 100 Points





AMP EUROPE 2018 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL AWARDS

Deadline to Submit All Materials: **February 20, 2018**

Notification Date: No later than **March 9, 2018**

The AMP Global Young Investigator Awards provide travel assistance to the AMP Europe 2018 conference to help nurture the next generation of molecular professionals in laboratory medicine. Young Investigators are considered as:

- technologists, technicians, medical/technical assistants, (up to six years of conferral of a degree or technician certificate)
- trainees (graduate/medical students at the master's or doctoral level, or residents), or
- early career fellows (up to six years after graduating with a doctoral degree).

Applicants must:

- be a Young Investigator as defined above.
- lack funding for travel and/or registration to the AMP Europe 2018 conference from their institution.
- provide confirmation of trainee status and lack of institutional funding from their supervisor or program director (see Part B below).
- secure any necessary travel visas and provide documentation for permission to attend the AMP Europe 2018 conference.
- agree to attend the awards ceremony at the AMP Europe 2018 conference to personally accept the travel award.
- submit a brief report to AMP within a month of the conclusion of the AMP Europe 2018 conference summarizing his/her experiences and what s/he learned by attending the AMP Europe 2018 conference.

Note: Authorship on an abstract submitted to the AMP Europe 2018 conference is preferred, but not required.

Application Process:

Part A: Tasks for the Trainee Applicant to perform:

1. Prepare support documents:
 - a. Current CV or resume
 - b. Statement of Interest that includes:
 - i. Description of your commitment, experience, and interest in molecular diagnostics.





- ii. Description of what you expect to gain from attending the AMP Europe 2018 conference. For example, how you believe the knowledge gained will expand your current understanding of molecular diagnostics, how it will benefit you in your current position, and/or how it will enhance your career.
 - iii. If you are an author on an abstract that has been submitted for the AMP Europe 2018 conference, include a copy of the abstract in either MS Word or PDF format. Note: Authorship on an abstract submitted to the AMP Europe 2018 conference is preferred but not required.
2. [Complete and submit an online application >>](#)
 3. Confirm that your supervisor or program director submits the required communication indicating that neither your travel nor registration for the AMP Europe 2018 conference is funded by your institution (see Part B, below).

Part B: Tasks for the Young Investigator's Supervisor or Program Director to perform:

The trainee applicant's Supervisor or Program Director sends an email to ampawards@amp.org with the following information:

1. Applicant's Name and Young Investigator Status (Trainee/Employee) or Position
2. Description of financial support, if any, provided by the institution:
 - a. Registration: full, partial (amount), or none
 - b. Airfare and/or ground transportation: full, partial (amount), or none
 - c. Hotel: full, partial (amount), or none
 - d. Meals: full, partial (amount), or none
3. Supervisor or Program Director's name and contact information

Deadline to Submit All Materials: February 20, 2018

Notification Date: No later than March 9, 2018





AMP IMPACT Awards

International Molecular Pathology Award for Conference Travel

Deadline to Submit All Materials: **February 20, 2018**

Notification Date: No later than **March 9, 2018**

The AMP IMPACT Awards provide travel assistance (USD\$3,000) for up to three (3) selected molecular professionals to attend the AMP Europe 2018 conference. The applicants must be from lower-middle and low income countries* as defined by the [World Bank Country Classification](#)

**Residents from countries that are on the sanctioned country list of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) are not eligible.*

Applicants must:

- be from a lower-middle and low income country as defined by the World Bank Country Classification (see above link).
- lack funding for travel and/or registration to the AMP Europe 2018 conference from their institution.
- secure any necessary travel visas and provide documentation for permission to attend the AMP Europe 2018 conference.
- agree to attend the awards ceremony at the AMP Europe 2018 conference to personally accept the travel award.
- submit a brief report to AMP within a month of the conclusion of the AMP Europe 2018 conference summarizing his/her experiences and what s/he learned by attending the AMP Europe 2018 conference.

Note: Authorship on an abstract submitted to the AMP Europe 2018 conference is preferred, but not required.

Application process:

Part A: Tasks for the Trainee Applicant to perform:

1. Prepare support documents:
 - a. Current CV or resume





- b. Statement of Interest that includes:
 - i. Description of your commitment, experience, and interest in molecular diagnostics.
 - ii. Description of what you expect to gain from attending the AMP Europe 2018 conference. For example, how you believe the knowledge gained will expand your current understanding of molecular diagnostics, how it will benefit you in your current position, and/or how it will enhance your career.
 - iii. Describe your local activities with laboratory associations, if any.
 - iv. Describe ways in which you can share your experience at the AMP Europe 2018 conference with local and national colleagues, such as teaching responsibilities.
 - v. If you are an author on an abstract that has been submitted for the AMP Europe 2018 conference, include a copy of the abstract in either MS Word or PDF format. Note: Authorship on an abstract submitted to the AMP Europe 2018 conference is preferred but not required.
 - c. Request letters of support from 2 colleagues or supervisors. They should be practicing in laboratory medicine, healthcare administration, or other official capacity. Letters from active AMP members are strongly recommended.
2. [Complete and submit an online application >>](#)

Deadline to Submit All Materials: February 20, 2018

Notification Date: No later than March 9, 2018

A portion of the award check will be provided at the awards ceremony during the AMP Europe 2018 conference, and the remainder will be provided after receipt of the post-conference report.

MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

- AMP International Membership Grant: *Includes choice of complimentary registration to the AMP Europe 2018 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, or the AMP 2018 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, USA.*

