

Environment and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

September 11-14, 2005 • The Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Conference Center • Research Triangle Park, NC

PRE- AND POST-DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD INFORMATION

Call for Abstracts ~

Abstract Deadline: July 15, 2005

Papers will be judged during . . .

Session VII: GENERAL POSTER SESSION

Tuesday Afternoon 13 September 2005 3:30 – 5:30 PM

- The poster session is a highlight of this conference series and provides an ideal opportunity for one-on-one personal exchange of research information and ideas in an informal setting with a unique consortium of participants who are expert in various aspects of the theme and neurotoxicology in general.
- The General Poster Session is a wonderful venue for informal, in-depth discussion, collaboration building, and mentoring of young scientists. It is an ideal networking opportunity for students and beginning researchers.
- Judging and selection of pre-doctoral and post-doctoral Student Awardees will be made during the General Poster Session. All papers on neuroscience plus toxicology are invited. Poster topics do not need to address the theme; they can be on any aspect of neurotoxicology.

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STUDENT AWARDS: The Student Award competition is split into two divisions: (1) pre-doctoral or pre-medical students and (2) post-doctoral fellows or residents. We plan to give 3 awards in each division consisting of money and a plaque or certificate as follows: 1st (\$500 plus plaque), 2nd (\$300 plus certificate), and 3rd (\$200 plus certificate) place in each of the two divisions.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Awards will be presented during the Student Award Ceremony on Wednesday afternoon, September 14, 2005. Winners of the Student Awards should stand with their Advisor immediately following the Award Ceremony to have their picture taken. Pictures, award details and acknowledgements will be published in the special issue of *NeuroToxicology* devoted to this conference (NTX XXII).

JUDGING: The students will be judged during the Poster Session on Tuesday, September 13th between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Selection of the Awardees will be made at this time. Competing students are expected to give an overview of their work in 2-3 minutes to the judges followed by a brief set of questions and answers. Originality, significance/hypothesis, presentation material and style, as well as the knowledge of the subject, will be considered in judging the papers.

THE JUDGES: Pre-doctoral and post-doctoral award committee members will be selected after abstracts are received.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1. Introduction and Background of Topic _____
 2. Clarity of Hypothesis to be Tested _____
 3. Experimental Design and Methods _____
 4. Scientific impact of Results _____
 5. Conclusions Based on Presented Data _____
 6. Clarity of Visual Presentation (figures and tables) _____
 7. Clarity of Verbal Communication _____
 8. Overall Organization of Presentation _____
 9. Overall Knowledge of Topic _____
 10. Ability to Answer Questions _____
- Total Points** (10 points each, maximum of 100 points) _____

