

# *Environmental Etiologies of Neurological Disorders: Scientific, Translational and Policy Implications*

October 12 - 16, 2008

Hyatt Regency

Rochester, New York

## *Pre- and Post-Doctoral Student Award Information*

*Student Award presentations will be judged during the*

### GENERAL POSTER SESSION

On Monday Evening, 13 October 2008, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM

*Awards will be presented at the Wednesday evening awards banquet.*

*Pictures for publication will be taken at this time*

THE POSTER SESSION IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THIS CONFERENCE SERIES. It provides an ideal opportunity for one-on-one personal exchange of research data 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.

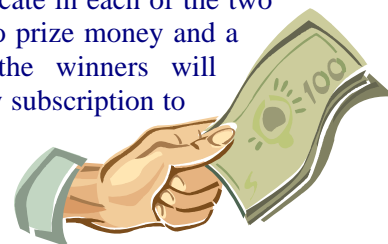
A major goal of this conference series is to provide an ideal networking opportunity for students and beginning researchers. The Poster Session is a wonderful venue for informal, in-depth discussion, collaboration building, and mentoring of young scientists.

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.

**COMPETITION FORMAT:** The Student Award competition is divided into two divisions: (1) pre-doctoral or pre-medical students and (2) post-doctoral fellows or residents.

**THE JUDGES:** The Pre-doctoral and post-doctoral abstract groups will each be judged by a separate committee consisting of three members.

**STUDENT AWARDS:** We plan to give 3 awards in each division consisting of money and a plaque or certificate as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$500 plus plaque; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$300 plus certificate; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$200 plus certificate in each of the two divisions. In addition to prize money and a plaque or certificate the winners will receive a complimentary subscription to *NeuroToxicology*.



### **AWARD PRESENTATION:**

Awards will be presented at the Wednesday evening awards banquet. Pictures, award details and acknowledgements will be published in the special issue of *NeuroToxicology* devoted to the 25<sup>th</sup> International Neurotoxicology Conference.

**JUDGING:** The students will be judged during the Poster Session on Monday evening, October 13<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 and 8:00 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 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 winners.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA** (see next page) are 10 points each for a total of 100 points.

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*(10 points each, maximum of 100 points)*

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** \_\_\_\_\_

