



ISHR International Poster Award

Beginning in 2009, the ISHR International Council will sponsor a Poster Award to be presented at Section meetings* and the World Congress. These awards will be given in addition to Section-sponsored poster awards and other young investigator awards that are currently offered at ISHR meetings.

Purpose of the Prize

The purpose of the Poster Award is to call attention to the exceptional research presented in ISHR meeting poster sessions, and to recognize outstanding young investigators whose posters demonstrate both excellence in research and clarity of presentation.

Nature of the Prize

The ISHR International Poster Award will be presented at the annual meetings of dues-paying ISHR Sections (*currently NAM, EUR, JPN, LAT and AUS Sections) and the triennial World Congress. The winners will receive a certificate, a \$300 prize and a ribbon to be displayed on the poster during the meeting.

Procedure for Application and Selection

1. By intent, the Poster Award is targeted at young investigators, notably students and Fellows. Because of international differences in the definition of "Fellow", eligibility for the award is limited to those within 6 years of their terminal degree (*e.g.* M.D. or Ph.D.).
2. Only ISHR members in good standing (as determined by their Section Secretary) will be eligible for the Award.
3. Applicants must be the first or last author of the abstract presented, and must be present at the meeting to be eligible.
4. Applicants must indicate their desire to compete for the Award when submitting their abstract to the meeting. Meeting organizers will maintain a list of eligible posters.
5. The number of Poster Awards offered at a given meeting will be determined by the number of posters presented at that meeting. One Award will be given for every 100 posters; at the larger meetings where multiple poster sessions are held, this is expected to equate to one Award per day of poster presentation.
6. Posters will be evaluated by a small panel of senior investigators, selected and chaired by a member of the ISHR International Council who is in attendance at the meeting. The Secretary General will be responsible for providing the names of the judges to the meeting organizer.
7. Poster presentations will be judged on the basis of:
 - Excellence and significance of research
 - Clarity of visual and verbal presentation
8. Council members will declare any conflict of interest (or close relationship with any candidate) and the voting mechanism will be adjusted accordingly.