IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2018 YOUNG INVESTIGATORS PRIZE

Until 2016 the BCS Annual Conference hosted 2 research competitions for young cardiologists or cardiovascular scientists: the Young Investigators Prize competition administered by the British Society of Cardiovascular Research (BSCR) and the British Atherosclerosis Society (BAS), and the Young Research Workers Prize competition administered by the BCS. Although the former competition was clearly aimed at basic scientists and the latter more broadly at clinical scientists, in the era of translational medicine the boundaries have become increasingly blurred. In line with the aim of the BCS, the BSCR, BAS and British Heart Foundation (BHF) to encourage greater dialogue and collaboration between basic and clinical scientists, a decision was made to amalgamate these competitions into one for the 2016 Annual Conference. The same format was used in 2017 and will continue for the 2018 Conference.

The “Young Investigators Prize” competition will be open for applications on 8th January 2018, with a planned closing deadline of March 1st, 2018. The submission will be a separate process from that governing the poster abstracts and will consist of a brief communication limited to include abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion and figure legends. The abstract should consist of a title (upper case letters only, max 250 characters) and text (mixed case letters, max 3000 characters). The main body of the communication is to include an introduction, methods, results, discussion and figure legends and is limited to 1000 words. A maximum of five display items (either tables or figures) are permitted, the number of references is limited to 15. Footnotes and other forms of data appendix are not permitted. Please also include 3 keywords to accompany your abstract.

The submission must be saved as a single word document, including the statement of contribution (see below) and sent to vip@bcs.com before the closing date of 23.59hrs on 1 March 2018.

Please note that if your submission for the YIP is rejected, then it is not automatically entered into the clinical or basic science abstract submission. You will need to separately submit your abstract during the abstract submission process (Clinical Submission: 1 Nov – 1 Dec 2017) and (Basic Science: 8 Jan – 1 March 2018).

Each candidate can only make one submission.

The research submitted must be concerned with the cardiovascular system.

Entries may include previously published work, but should not consist wholly of work already published in full paper form by the closing date for submissions. Submissions that form a more detailed description of work submitted previously or simultaneously as a clinical or basic science abstract are allowed.

A statement of contribution must be appended to the end of the brief communication. This needs to describe the extent to which the work was carried out by the applicant and the contribution and names of any collaborators.

The competition will be open to both young clinicians and basic scientists. Clinicians should not have attained consultant status at the time the research was performed and basic scientists should be no more than 5 years post-PhD. Membership of the British Cardiovascular Society is not a requirement.

Judges will be drawn from the BCS Academic and Research Committee and will include representatives from both BSCR and BAS.

Five finalists will be selected to present during the lunchtime of the Tuesday of the Conference (5th June 2018, the second day of the BSCR/BAS “Spring Meeting”), and this session will be unopposed by other

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scientific or “hot topic” sessions. Each finalist will present for 10 minutes, leaving 5 minutes for questioning by the judges. Up to 3 prizes may be awarded depending upon the quality of the work presented, and the judges will be given the discretion to label these as “winner”, “runner-up”, “clinical prize”, “translational prize”, “basic science prize” or any combination of these as they deem appropriate depending upon the work presented. A total prize pool of £3000 will be available for these prizes and the actual amounts that are awarded will be at the discretion of the Judges. Prizes will be presented at the Society’s Annual Dinner, where finalists will be the guests of the Society.

Applicants should be aware that the press has open access to the sessions.