

ANNOUNCEMENT

Awards for Quality Research Publications

The Editors of the open access online journal, the **Journal of Reproductive and Stem Cell Biotechnology (JRSCB)**, call for original research papers. In addition to the online version, hardcopy version will also be printed under a separate ISSN/KDN numbers. The JRSCB will endeavor to seek Pubmed listing after two years of successful publication. The JRSCB has been offered funds to give away Awards for quality original research papers received from authors from all over the world. If funding is provided on an annual basis, these awards shall remain an annual feature for years to come.

The awards shall consist of a **cash prize**, an **award certificate** and possibly an all-expense paid **Travel Grant** inclusive of local hospitality to enable the principal authors of winning contributions present their research findings during an awards ceremony and conference. The award of Travel Grants shall depend entirely on the quality of papers received. This would mean that some awards may not include Travel Grants. The Awards ceremony and conference may be held in an Asian or a Middle-Eastern country. The papers will be judged by an International Panel of Judges. The funding agencies reserves the rights not to make the award if the Panel of Judges concluded the quality of papers received were of a quality below acceptable standards. The decision of the Judges is final. The Editors of the JRSCB shall not enter into any communication with regard to the said decision.

There are two main funding agencies at the present moment. Others are expected in the near future. Current sponsors are: (i) The Stem Cell Unit, Anatomy Department, College of Medicine, King Saud University (KSU) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which include the following Awards:

1. **First Prize:** **US\$4000**
2. **Second Prize:** **US\$3000**
3. **Third Prize:** **US\$2000**
4. **Fourth Prize:** **US\$1000**
5. **Fifth Prize:** **US\$500 (x 4 awards)**

(ii) Another Award will be sponsored by the **Riyadh and Jeddah Embryology Clubs (REC/JEC)** which is a cash prize of: **US\$1500 (open to all nationalities)**. The REC will announce another award separately which is meant for Saudi Arabian Citizens and Residents of Saudi Arabia.

Manuscripts in the areas of Assisted Reproduction Technology, Reproductive Biology, Stem Cell Biotechnology, Cryopreservation (of gametes, embryos, ovarian tissues, testicular tissue), Laboratory PGD, and Laboratory Aspects of Fertility Preservation will be considered. Other areas of reproduction may be accepted as well at the discretion of the Editors. Authors are allowed to submit more than one paper. All original research contributions shall be entitled to be considered for the Award.

All contributions must be in word (.doc) format that must be submitted electronically. The names and affiliations of authors shall be deleted by the editorial office of the JRSCB before the contributions are sent to the International Panel of Judges. The judges will never know the identity of the contributors or the country of its origin. Authors/contributors must ensure they do not give away their identity in the Introduction, Materials and Methods, Acknowledgement sections or anywhere in the text of their manuscript. For information on preparation of manuscript please go to the web site: www.ivf-hub.net, click on "**ivf journal**" and then click on "**Instructions for authors**". Papers (& inquiries) may be submitted to: editor@ivf-hub.net with a cc to: coordinator@ivf-hub.net Last date for submission is September 30, 2010. Date of submission may be extended depending on number of entries received. Make the most of this opportunity. If you have research papers why not submit it to the JRSCB? It could be a winner. Please inform your colleagues of this Award or forward this announcement to them.

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