

IFPA AWARDS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

IFPA Award Committee

1. The IFPA Award Committee consists of eight senior members. Nominations for membership will be solicited by the IFPA Secretary from each of the regional Associations (two from each group). The president of IFPA will designate the Chair of the Award committee. The IFPA Award Committee term of appointment shall be 4 years.
2. The IFPA Award Committee Chairman is responsible for all organisational aspects, including public announcement of the call for nominations and setting the deadline for their receipt.
3. The IFPA Award Committee is free to establish its own procedural rules. Votes are taken by simple majority. However, it must be assured that the procedures for selecting the awardee are fair, unbiased and appropriate in order to select the candidate with the highest scientific merits. Committee members may nominate but cannot vote for a current collaborator, former student, post-doctoral fellow or co-author, where the association has been within in the last five years. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman may choose to split the award or cast the deciding vote.
4. Standing nominations, with automatic inclusion of unsuccessful candidates in the following round of selection, are not permitted.
5. The Chairman of the IFPA Award Committee is to inform the awardee, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of IFPA, the Editors of Placenta and Trophoblast Research and the organizers of the IFPA-designated meeting of the Committee's decision.

Procedural Notes

- 1 A call for nominations for the Award should be submitted by the Award Committee Chairperson to the Secretary for distribution to the list-serve, ideally not later than March of the year in which the award will be presented. The call for nominations will be sent via the list-serve to IFPA members, to be effected by the IFPA Secretary.
- 2 Selection of the award recipient should be completed ideally 1 month before the abstract publication deadline for the meeting where the Award is to be presented to allow contact, solicitation of an abstract and confirmation of meeting attendance.

IFPA SENIOR AWARD IN PLACENTOLOGY

General

1. The “IFPA Senior Award in Placentology” acknowledges both outstanding, long-term scientific contributions to the field of placentology in all its aspects and upon service to and leadership within IFPA.
2. The “IFPA Senior Award in Placentology” is intended to recognise the work of established senior scientists /PIs/clinicians who have led placental research groups for a substantial period of time (as a guide to nominators, more than 20 years might be appropriate). The awardee will have made a significant contribution to our understanding of placental and reproductive functions in general. Special emphasis is placed on the requirement that nominees be IFPA members who have contributed significantly to the development, leadership and/or mission of the IFPA. Awardees will be able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to the development of younger placental researchers and to the placental/reproductive research community in general. Awardees may also be able to demonstrate a commitment to teaching of reproduction and the placenta and/or the communication of placental research to the public. Hence, life-time achievements and overall performance of placental research and its communication rather than individual publications will be considered by the Awards Committee.
3. Candidates should be proposed by at least three individuals.
4. Calls for nominations for the “IFPA Senior Award in Placentology” will be made every year following the annual IFPA conference and nominations will close with the Chair of the IFPA International Awards Committee on the 31st of March (or the last working day in March) each year. The IFPA Senior Award in Placentology will be presented at the next IFPA-designated meeting. The IFPA Senior Award in Placentology is a prestigious award and if in the opinion of the Awards Committee there are no suitable nominees in any given year, the Award will not be given.
5. The “IFPA Senior Award in Placentology” represents the highest distinction of the international placental research community and there will be no monetary prize associated with the Award. The awardee will receive a commemorative certificate. IFPA will provide up to US\$1500 towards the recipient’s economy-class airfare to the meeting at which the award is being given. IFPA also requests that the organizer of that meeting give consideration to remission of the registration fee for the award recipient if the financial circumstances of the meeting should allow.
6. As a condition of the Award the awardee will be asked to present a lecture during a plenary session of the IFPA-designated meeting at which the Award is presented. The lecture will be published in "Trophoblast Research" following normal peer review procedures.
7. Awardees who already received the IFPA Award in Placentology (not the senior Award) are not eligible until 10 years have lapsed.
8. An individual may receive the Award only once.

IFPA AWARD IN PLACENTOLOGY

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General

1. The "IFPA Award in Placentology" acknowledges outstanding contributions to the field of placentology in all its aspects, including the relationship with fetus and mother.
2. Nominees normally should be within 20 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree. In exceptional cases the award can be split in half and given to two investigators
3. Established senior scientists, who are not potential candidates, may propose candidates.
4. The "IFPA Award" will be presented every two years at an IFPA-designated meeting. If the IFPA Award Committee cannot find a suitable candidate, the IFPA Award will not be given.
5. The IFPA Award consists of US \$2000; the awardee will also receive registration and accommodation at the next meeting (to be funded by the organizer of the following year's meeting).
6. The awardee will be invited to present a lecture during a plenary session of the next IFPA-designated meeting. The lecture will be published in "Trophoblast Research" following normal peer review procedures.
7. The awardee must be present at the IFPA-designated meeting to receive the award.
8. Prior Dr Gábor Than Award recipients are not eligible for the IFPA Award until five years have elapsed.
9. An individual may receive the Award only once.

Gábor Than Foundation Award in Placentology

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General

1. The "IFPA Gábor Than Award" in placentology acknowledges outstanding contributions to the field of placentology in all its aspects, including the relationship with fetus and mother.
2. The "IFPA Gábor Than Award" is intended to recognise the work of early career researchers: as a guide, nominees should normally be within 10 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree. In exceptional cases the award can be split in half and given to two investigators.
3. Established senior scientists, who are not potential candidates, may propose candidates.
4. The IFPA Gábor Than Award will be presented every two years at an IFPA-designated meeting (as funds available). If the Gábor Than Award / IFPA Award Committee cannot find a suitable candidate, the Award will not be given.
5. The IFPA Gábor Than Award consists of US \$2000 and a bronze medal. The awardee will also receive registration and accommodation for the next meeting (to be funded by the organizer of the next year's meeting).
6. The awardee will be invited to present a lecture during a plenary session of the next IFPA-designated meeting. The lecture will be published in "Trophoblast Research" following normal peer review procedures.

Administration of the Gabor Than Award

1. The IFPA Gábor Than Award will be administered by the IFPA Awards committee and Dr. Nándor Gábor Than.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH LECTURER

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General

1. The National Institutes of Health Lectureship sponsors established US investigators (one per year) to attend the annual IFPA meeting and give a state-of-the-art plenary lecture. This award is dependent upon funding from the NIH, which is periodically renewed.
2. The awardee will be an individual who is not necessarily a placental biologist but a leader in an area that has relevance to placental biology (e.g. angiogenesis, apoptosis, amino acid transport) and serve as a focal point for a plenary session and workshop in that area. In this way placental biologists can be exposed to the latest developments in that particular field.
3. He/she will be invited to give a state of the art talk at a principal plenary session to all delegates. He /she will also participate in a workshop session on the same topic as the plenary session and also will be invited to remain throughout the conference to interact with the new investigators.
4. The Lectureship consists of travel and conference expenses to cover the costs of attending the meeting at which the lecture is presented. If this exceeds the NIH maximum the conference organizer should offer registration/accommodation as needed.

Award Committee

1. The National Institutes of Health Lecturer will be selected by the meeting organizer in consultation with the Principal Investigator of the relevant NIH grant (presently Dr Leslie Myatt), according to the meeting theme and plenary sessions that the local organizing committee decide upon.

THE ELSEVIER TROPHOBLAST RESEARCH AWARD

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General

1. The Trophoblast Research Award acknowledges the best poster presentation by a new investigator in the field of placentology in all its aspects, including the relationship with fetus and mother.
2. Nominees should be a new investigator, who is defined as a full-time graduate student for the Masters or PhD (D. Phil) or their regional equivalents, a post-doctoral fellow, or a new investigator normally within 3 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree.
3. The Chair of the IFPA Awards Committee, in consultation with the meeting organizers will designate a Chair who will form a subcommittee to select the winning candidate.
4. The winner will be selected at the time of the IFPA-designated meeting from among all qualifying new investigators who have been chosen to present their posters by the meeting organizing committee.
5. The Trophoblast Research Award will be presented every year at the annual IFPA-designated meeting.
6. The Trophoblast Research Award consists of an award of US\$1500, an invitation to present their work at the following year's IFPA-designated meeting, and free registration and accommodation at the following year's meeting (to be provided by the Organizers of that meeting). The winner will also receive free access to Elsevier Science Direct for one year.
7. The awardee must be present at the IFPA-designated meeting to receive the award.
8. An individual may receive the Award only once.

Support of Trophoblast Research Award and Procedural Notes

1. The Award is supported by Elsevier.
2. The IFPA-designated meeting at which the winner will present their work (the year following the selection date) has an obligation to provide free accommodation and to waive registration fees for the winner (the awardee must pay their own travel).
3. The IFPA-designated meeting organizers will select candidates accepted to present their posters at the meeting, and who meet the qualifications of being a new investigator. The winner of the award will be selected from among this final group of poster presenters by the Trophoblast Research Award subcommittee.
4. The Chair of the Trophoblast Research Award subcommittee will inform the IFPA Award Committee Chair, the Chairperson of the meeting organizers, the President, Treasurer and Secretary of IFPA, and the Editor of the Blue Pages of the name and affiliation of the winner.

ELSEVIER PLACENTA NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Terms of Reference

General

1. The Elsevier Placenta New Investigator Award acknowledges the best oral presentation by a new investigator in the field of placentology in all its aspects, including the relationship with fetus and mother.
2. Nominees should be a new investigator, who is defined as a full-time graduate student for the Master's, PhD (D. Phil) or regional equivalent, a post-doctoral fellow, or new investigator normally within 3 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree.
3. The Chair of the IFPA Awards Committee, in consultation with the meeting organizers, will designate a Chair who will form a subcommittee to select the winning candidate.
4. The winner will be selected at the time of the IFPA-designated meeting from among a final group of candidates chosen by the meeting organizing committee to present their work orally.
5. The Elsevier Award will be presented every year at the annual IFPA-designated meeting.
6. The Elsevier Award consists of an award of 1000 Euros, and free access to Elsevier Science Direct for one year.
7. The awardee must be present at the IFPA-designated meeting to receive the award.
8. An individual may receive the Award only once.

Support of Elsevier Award and Procedural Notes

1. The Award is supported by Elsevier Science.
2. The IFPA-designated meeting organizers will select a subgroup of new investigators to present their work orally. The Elsevier Award subcommittee will select the winner from among this group.
3. The Chair of the Elsevier Placenta Research Award subcommittee will inform the IFPA Award Committee Chair, the Chairperson of the meeting organizers, the President, Treasurer and Secretary of IFPA, and the Editor of the Blue Pages of the name and affiliation of the winner.

- **YW Loke New Investigator Travel Awards**
- **National Institutes of Health New Investigator Travel Awards**
- **The EPG Peter Kaufmann Award**

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The Awards

1. **The YW Loke New Investigator Travel Awards** result from the generous endowment of Y.W. (Charlie) Loke, Emeritus Professor of Reproductive Immunology at the University of Cambridge and member of the IFPA and EPG. Awards are administered by IFPA courtesy of the Centre for Trophoblast Research at the University of Cambridge. Receipt of a YW Loke Award is prestigious and a fine contribution to a growing CV. The YW Loke Award offsets travel expenses for approximately 40 young investigators per meeting. The awards are based on the scores received for the abstracts submitted for an IFPA-designated meeting, according to the review process. Because it is the stated intent of the YW Loke New Investigator Awards to support attendance by trainees who would otherwise NOT be able to attend the meeting, abstracts submitted by NIs from the Institutions within easy travel distance to the venue will be ranked, but may receive a certificate of acknowledgment or other consideration to acknowledge the quality of their abstract; such an award may still be placed on the CV. Easy travel distance will be determined by the local organizers and the Awards committee Chair.
2. **National Institutes of Health New Investigator Travel Awards.** These travel awards are to enable US-based new investigators in any aspect of placental research to attend the annual meetings of IFPA. The awards are based on a review and scoring of abstracts submitted for an IFPA-designated meeting. These awards are dependent on funding from the NIH
3. **The EPG Peter Kaufmann Award** (generously provided by Drs. Berthold Huppertz and John C. Kingdom) acknowledges an outstanding contribution by a new scientist based upon a poster or podium presentation at an EPG meeting that incorporates any morphological method that is critical for data interpretation. The Award will cover the local registration/ accommodation fee to a subsequent IFPA meeting, to be chosen by the Awardee within 3 years of the receipt of the Award (travel costs are not included).

General

1. Candidates for all three awards should be new investigators, defined as a full time graduate student for the Masters, PhD (D. Phil) or regional equivalent, a post-doctoral fellow, or new investigator normally within 3 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree.
2. Awardees are excluded from applying for any one Award in consecutive years.
3. The awards will be based on a review of abstracts submitted for the IFPA-designated meeting and, in the case of **The EPG Peter Kaufmann Award**, assessment of the poster or podium presentation at the EPG meeting.

4. Assessment of the abstracts will be done by the Meeting Organizers in consultation with the Chair of the IFPA Award Committee. For **The EPG Peter Kaufmann Award** the Chair of the IFPA Awards Committee will ask Dr. Huppertz and/or Kingdom to Chair a sub-committee to select the winning candidate.
5. Qualifying candidates are asked to forward a supporting letter for their supervisor or chairman confirming their NI/in-training status when they submit their abstract..
6. Awardees must be present at the IFPA-designated meeting to receive the award.
7. In regard to the YW Loke Awards and NIH Awards, The Chair of the meeting organizers will inform the successful nominees, Chair of the Awards Committee, the President, Treasurer and Secretary of IFPA, and the Editor of the Blue Pages of the names and affiliations of the winners. In the case of **The EPG Peter Kaufmann Award** the Chair of the sub-committee will inform the above listed officers of the name of the winner prior to the Awards Presentation Ceremony.