The Electrode Store Best Paper Awards

Open May 20 - September 9, 2014: Plan to submit your research studies and case reports for oral paper presentations, display posters, and The Electrode Store Awards for presentation at AAP 2015 San Antonio.

The Electrode Store Best Paper Award entries must be submitted online at www.physiatry.org by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on September 9, 2014. Faxes and E-mails containing abstracts and applications will not be considered.

Platform Paper Presentations will include four categories: Medical Student; Resident; Fellow; and Faculty.

Through this effort, the AAP hopes to encourage young researchers and strengthen all investigation in the field of PM&R. These papers will be presented at a Plenary Session at the 2015 AAP Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

ELIGIBILITY: Those submitting award papers must be: (1) a medical student mentored by a faculty in a PM&R department; (2) a resident; (3) a fellow in PM&R; (4) a faculty member in PM&R having less than five years post-residency training. The content of the submitted paper must be original research relevant to the domain of PM&R (literature reviews and descriptive case studies are not eligible for these awards). It must have a clearly stated hypotheses, appropriate research methodology and data analysis, and valid conclusions. The investigation in the paper must have been completed prior to the submission.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To enter the competition for the Electrode Store Best Paper Award, applicants must: 1) register for the AAP Online Submission Site via www.physiatry.org. Please select “Electrode Store Award” from the “Proposal Category” dropdown menu; 2) Submit a 300 word abstract; 3) Submit a longer version of the paper limited to 1,000 words. The longer version of the manuscript must include the following four sections:

- Objective (background, purpose, hypothesis, and brief literature-based rationale for the study)
- Design (description, subjects, methods, ethics, interventions, measures, data analysis)
- Results (primary findings, data presentation, statistical analysis, significance, limitations)
- Conclusions (importance and implications summarized)

All materials must be received via online submission by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on September 9, 2014.

REVIEW PROCESS: The AAP Program Committee will review the regular Paper and Poster Abstract Application (300 word abstracts) independently of the Electrode Store Best Paper Award submission (1,000 word abstracts) and will make overall decisions about which abstracts merit presentation at the AAP Annual Meeting. Omit identifying information in the text of the abstract or the award paper submission. Avoid any reference to location and/or name of the institution(s) within the text for purposes of blinded (masked) review.

AWARDS: The winners from each of the categories will be notified via email in October 2014. Winners will be awarded a complimentary AAP Annual Meeting registration and a $250 monetary award. The winners will be featured during the 2015 AAP Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

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Visit www.physiatry.org for full details and to submit.