

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE EIGHTH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF INFECTION
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 18 - 21 OCTOBER 2007**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15 MAY 2007

The International Federation of Infection Control places great emphasis on the participation of delegates from developing countries at its annual Congress. In order to facilitate this attendance, the Federation in conjunction with the Local Organizing Committee is making available a number of scholarships.

Scholarships:

At least one main award will be granted, consisting of:

- **free registration** to the conference
- refund - against receipts - of travel expenses, based on the cheapest economy itinerary (up till a **maximum of Euro 800**)
- a subsistence allowance of **Euro 300** to cover 4 nights accommodation at a three star hotel.

A number of smaller bursaries are also usually awarded, covering:

- free conference registration
- a subsistence allowance of **Euro 300** to cover 4 nights accommodation at a three star hotel.

In addition, all scholarship recipients will be invited to present a write-up of their conference presentation, of not less than 1000 words, to be considered for publication in the International Journal of Infection Control. The paper must be presented in full not later than 2 months from the date of the conference and will be reviewed by the scientific committee. If deemed acceptable, an **additional award of Euro 200** will be made at the conference.

Applicants

Applicants must be active in the practice of infection control.

- Preference will be given to participant(s) living in countries with limited resources, particularly in the case of delegates from members societies affiliated with IFIC.
- Participants must present a paper, if possible in oral format. However poster presentations will be accepted from delegates not sufficiently proficient in the English language.

Submissions:

Two types of submissions are accepted:

Research style paper - these types of submissions study a specific aspect of infection control. Abstract should be formally structured into Introduction; Methods; Results; Conclusions. Preference will be given to submissions from low resource countries or regions where published information is currently lacking

"How we did it" - these submissions would be a more descriptive account of how infection control practitioners or teams tackled a specific I.C. challenge or brought about improvement in the prevention or control of healthcare associated infections in their institution or country. Abstracts can be presented in a descriptive non-structured style.

Application forms together with submission instructions and deadlines can be downloaded from the IFIC website www.theific.org as well from the conference webpage.

Awards:

Applications will be reviewed by a committee established by the IFIC Board, whose decision will be final. Applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of the application by email reply to the address indicated on the application form. A list of awardees will also be published on the IFIC website.

The scholarship grant will be given in the form of a **cash refund** to the delegate at an award ceremony during the Congress. Scholarship recipients are to make and pay for their own travel and accommodation arrangements; it is also their full responsibility to ascertain whether a visa is required for travel and obtain it well in advance of the conference. In addition, all scholarship recipients are required to confirm acceptance of their award and proof of travel arrangements (purchased air ticket and/or confirmed accommodation arrangements) by not less than 2 months from the date of the conference. Failure to do so may result in the scholarship being withdrawn and offered to another candidate.

Completed scholarship applications as well as queries on the scholarship process should be emailed to:

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Requests for information on conference registration, accommodation, social events or the scientific programme should not be sent to the above address but forwarded **directly** to the local organizing committee as follows:

Chair Scientific Committee

Prof Karolina Böröcz

borocz@oek.antsz.hu

Conference organizer

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