



**THE INTERNATIONAL MENOPAUSE SOCIETY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF**

**The IMS/Bayer Schering Pharma Hermann Schneider Prize for the best
communication on Menopause and Breast Health**

and

**The IMS/Bayer Schering Pharma Thomas Clarkson Prize for the best
communication on Menopause and Cardiovascular Health**

The Prizes, named to mark the great contributions made by Professor Hermann Schneider and Professor Thomas Clarkson to the fields of menopause and breast health and menopause and cardiovascular health, respectively, will be awarded for the first time during the 12th World Congress on Menopause in Madrid, Spain, May 2008. The Prizes, each of €2000, will be awarded to the two junior investigators who are judged to have presented the best communications in the respective fields.

All junior investigators who intend to present a paper in either of these fields at the Congress are eligible to apply for these Prizes. Abstracts must be submitted by no later than **February 15, 2008**; abstract submission is available only online at www.imsmadrid2008.com. Entrants for the prizes must submit their work in both **abstract and full-length form**.

- Judging of entries will be undertaken by the Scientific Prize Sub-Committee specially appointed by the IMS President. Decisions are reached by a simple majority of votes. Each member of the Sub-Committee has one vote and, in the event of a tie, the Chairman has the casting vote.
- Award winners must be **under 36 years of age at the time of the Congress**. They must have been the sole or principal investigator in the study reported.
- The originality of the research, the degree of sophistication in the methods used and theoretical and practical implications of the results are the main criteria on which the jury will base its decisions. The jury will take into account the practical circumstances under which the work was conducted.
- Any paper submitted for any of the official sessions of the Congress (**oral presentation or poster**) is eligible for the awards.
- If there are more than six entries, the Sub-Committee will shortlist these down to six on the basis of the abstracts. Thus, each abstract should be very descriptive of the study's method, results and conclusion.
- Abstracts must be submitted by no later than **February 15, 2008**. Authors should **indicate in their submission** that they wish their abstract to be considered for the Schneider or Clarkson Prize.

- **Entrants for the prizes must also submit their abstracts by the same date to the IMS Executive Director.**
- Those authors whose abstracts are **short-listed** by the Sub-Committee will be notified by the IMS Executive Director by **March 15**. These authors must then submit a full-length paper **to the IMS Executive Director** before **April 15, 2008**. A paper submitted after this date will not be considered.
- The names of the award winners will be announced at the Congress.
- An award winner shall be at liberty to use the prize for whatever purpose he or she deems appropriate.
- **It is stressed that entrants must present their work in person at the Congress.** In other words, if someone else presents the results, the entrant concerned shall automatically be disqualified.

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