



Institut Mérieux – BSM Young Investigator Awards-2017

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a major public health issue worldwide. The Institut Mérieux and its entities have been committed for many years in the fight against AMR and improvement of antibiotic stewardship. In order to provide an incentive for promising young investigators working in the field of AMR, Institut Mérieux allocates several awards worldwide to researchers or clinicians at the beginning of their carrier in recognition of a major achievement having significant impact on the handling of AMR and infection control. To maximize the visibility of such an award, and ensure proper selection of the candidates, Institut Mérieux relies on the expertise of well-established associations working in the field of AMR in each selected countries. Institut Mérieux and the Brazilian Society of Microbiology (BSM) have decided to allocate in 2017 a joint Young Investigator Award of 10,000 €, that will be given to a Brazilian laureate during the next annual congress of the BSM on October 2017.

Selection criteria of the laureate

- Investigators/applicants are current members of the Brazilian Society of Microbiology
- Serving in a hospital or in a relevant research institution on a full time basis as infectious disease clinician, clinical or molecular microbiologist or epidemiologist.
- With less than 15 years of clinical practice experience or less than 10 year of working experience in microbiology after their postgraduate qualification.
- Involved and made significant contribution in AMR and Infection Control research and/or patient management with a national impact.
- Indicators of impact could be either publication(s) in prominent international journals and / or implementation of guidelines / protocols having led to significant improvements in the following areas.
 - Antimicrobial resistance control.
 - Development of new tools / approach in controlling antimicrobial resistance.
 - Adoption of an innovative approach in patient management for controlling antimicrobial resistance.
 - Any actions having led to improved control / reduction of hospital acquired infection rate.



Selection process and Conditions.

- Applications for the award should reach BSM on or before September 22, 2017.

- For the award, please submit the following application in English through post to: Sociedade Brasileira de Microbiologia - SBM - Av. Caxingui, 655, Vila Pirajussara - São Paulo - SP - Brasil - CEP: 05579-001
 - Full name of nominee and contact information (email address and cellphone number)
 - A brief CV of Nominee detailing the professional history of the nominee.
 - One to two pages description of research and / or clinical projects the young investigator have performed which could be considered for the award. Attaching substantiating evidence such as publication of the nominees work is encouraged.
 - One to two pages description of ongoing and future research undertaken by the applicant in the field of AMR and Infection Control
 - A 2x2 ID picture of the nominee.
 - A recommendation letter from the host institution where the nominee is working at the time of application (optional).

- Members of scientific council of BSM will assess the applications and will rank two to three suitable applications, which will be forwarded to the scientific board of Institut Mérieux with their recommendations for the selection of the laureate. The Institut Mérieux keeps the possibility not to allocate any award if none of the proposal is meeting minimum qualification for the award.

- Institut Mérieux will notify BSM the name of the laureate for the year 2017. BSM will organize an award ceremony during the BSM annual congress to be held in October 2017.

- In order to receive the award money, which is not exceeding €10,000 (Euro Ten thousand), the institution hosting the laureate or the BSM should engage an agreement with Institut Mérieux. The award money will be transferred only to the contractor, who will hold responsibility for proper utilization of the fund for research by the laureate.