AuSPEN Annual  **Scientific Meeting**

AuSPEN Conference Prizes for Submitted Abstracts: Guidelines and Criteria

These awards recognise the best oral and 'rapid-fire' poster presentations from accepted abstracts at the AuSPEN ASM each year. Abstract submissions for both basic and clinical research, and abstracts relating to enhancement of clinical services in nutrition are encouraged.

The three prizes are:

- Bob McMahon Prize for an Outstanding Research Presentation
- David Russell Prize for an Outstanding Research Translation Presentation
- AuSPEN Research Prize for the Best Rapid-Fire Poster Presentation

Scope

1. The Bob McMahon and David Russell Prizes will be awarded to the most outstanding oral presentations.

    a. The Bob McMahon Prize will be preferentially awarded to an outstanding research oral presentation. Research encompasses:
        - Basic science, clinical research and clinical epidemiology
        - Systematic reviews are considered to be within the research category.

    b. The David Russell Prize will be preferentially awarded to an outstanding research translation oral presentation. Research translation encompasses:
        - Translational research and translation of research into practice
        - Quality improvement programs/projects that lead to service improvements.

2. The AuSPEN Research Prize will be awarded to the highest scoring rapid-fire poster presentation. This format provides an opportunity for poster presenters to deliver a short oral presentation during the conference programme.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The first author must be the presenting author of the abstract (as indicated at submission and the actual presenter at the conference). The prizes are awarded to the first/presenting author.
2. The first/presenting author must be a current financial member of AuSPEN at the closing date for abstract submission.
3. Abstracts that have previously been presented at a national conference are not eligible for these prizes.
4. Where data reported in the abstract has been published in a scientific journal at the closing date for abstract submission, the abstract will not be eligible for the prizes.

5. Single case studies, and service descriptions without evaluation or other relevant outcome data are not eligible for prizes.

Identifying eligibility for the Prizes

The AuSPEN Scientific Committee will make determinations on eligibility for each of the prize categories based on information provided during the abstract submission process.

Value of the Prizes

The AuSPEN council will determine the value of the prizes. The prizes are not transferable to another person. Currently, the Bob McMahon and David Russell Prizes are $500 each and the AuSPEN Research Prize is $300, each presented with a congratulatory certificate.

Conditions

1. In order to be eligible for prizes, abstracts must conform to the format, guidelines and rules for submission for the relevant year's conference, as advertised with the abstract guidelines.

2. The prizes are awarded to the first author (who must be the presenter) and are not transferable to another person.

3. AuSPEN reserves the right to not make an award in any category if there is no presentation of a suitable standard for the prize. AuSPEN reserves the right to make more than one award in one category if there is no presentation of a suitable standard for the prize in another category. AuSPEN reserves the right to present the Bob McMahon and David Russell Prizes to either two research presentations, two research translation presentations, or to one of each. Additionally, AuSPEN reserves the right not to award the AuSPEN Research Prize if no rapid-fire presentations meet the prize eligibility criteria.