



CSCC Best Abstracts Awards

Terms of Reference

Overview:

The CSCC Best Abstracts Awards are given at the Annual Conference of the Society to the author or group of authors of each of the three abstracts selected by an independent panel of judges.

Eligibility:

An abstract is eligible if at least one author is a CSCC member and none of the authors is a member of the panel of judges.

Judging Process:

The panel of judges will include the person from the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) who is responsible for abstracts (or another CPC member), the Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Biochemistry (or their designate from the Editorial Board), and a member of the CSCC Awards Committee (or their designate). The Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Biochemistry will chair the panel. At their discretion, these judges can appoint additional judges as required.

Abstracts will be classified by the panel of judges as representative of either "basic" or "applied" research. The marking schemes will be as follows: "Basic" – Originality (20%), significance (40%), Degree of Scientific/Technical Challenge (25%), and Presentation (15%); and "Applied" – Originality (10%), Significance (40%), Degree of Scientific/Technical Challenge (30%), and Presentation (20%).

There will be a total of three awards presented to the top abstracts at the annual meeting. One award will be given to the top oral presentation, one award will be given to the top Basic poster presentation, and one to the top Applied poster presentation.

Note: If you give an oral presentation, you are in the running for best oral presentation award, but you are not in the running for a best poster award for the same abstract. It is optional for oral presentations to also have a poster.

The individuals providing the oral presentations are the authors of the top five abstracts scored initially in the abstract review process.

Awarding of Grants:

Each Award consists of \$200 and a certificate. There is only one certificate per award. In the case of multiple authors, copies of the certificate can be made available to each author upon request to Head Office (info@csc.ca).

The Awards shall be presented to recipients by the CPC member who is responsible for abstracts.

The winners of the best abstracts awards will be communicated by the CPC member in charge of abstracts to the CSCC Head Office for the purposes of payment and publication, including the name and

affiliation of the recipient and the abstract title and category. The Head Office will add the awardee information to the archival list of past award winners.

These Terms of Reference are subject to any restrictions that may be negotiated for Joint Meetings.

The amendment of these Terms of Reference is the responsibility of the CSCC Council.