

ISDC O Mullane Prize.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Due Date: Friday 3rd April 2020

PREAMBLE:

The ISDC was established in 1971 to encourage and develop dentistry for children in Ireland. Professor Denis O Mullane was the first President of the group.

The O'Mullane Prize seeks to honour the efforts of those pursuing excellence in all aspects of dentistry for children. One award is presented annually to clinicians, ancillary workers, students, researchers or academics involved in the provision of dental care for children in Ireland.

The ISDC Scientific Committee will select the shortlisted finalists, based on the submitted abstracts.

The selected candidates will be asked to present at the Annual Scientific Meeting on 30th April 2020, at Midlands Park Hotel, Port Laoise, Co. Laois.

Applicants who have not been chosen to present may be offered the opportunity to present a poster at the conference, at the discretion of the ISDC scientific committee.

A judging panel will then select the winner based on the submitted abstract and presentation on the day.

The topics entered may relate to a technique, audit, case report, literature review, research topic, or service organisation, and is open to anyone with an interest in Paediatric Dentistry.

The winner will be announced at the Annual Scientific Meeting, and will receive a cash award and The ISDC Medal.

ELIGIBILITY:

Individuals or teams submitting for the Award must:

- 1) Be registered to attend the ISDC conference on 30th April 2020. (Conference registration fee is inclusive of annual membership fee)
- 2) Be employed as a specialist, dentist, dental assistant; hygienist, health promoter, or student.
- 4) Be first author on the abstract;
- 5) Attend and present at the Annual Scientific Meeting. (Presentation to remain within a strict 10 minute timeline.)
- 6.) Groups are permitted to enter and the presentation/ prize may be split between team members.

SUBMISSION:

Applications must be typed, and include the attached application form. Abstracts must conform to the Abstract Style Sheet, also attached.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically by Friday 3rd April 2020 to:
omullaneprize@gmail.com

Finalists will be advised by Friday 10th April 2020.

Finalists will be required to present a ten-minute summary of their papers (PowerPoint presentation) at the Annual Scientific Meeting. Time will be allocated to answer questions from the judges/ audience.

A PowerPoint Presentation must be submitted by Monday 27th April 2020 after which time changes to the presentation will not be possible.

CRITERIA:

The following criteria will be used to judge the abstracts:

- a. The topic is applicable to paediatric dentistry.
- b. The abstract is well organized and readable.
- c. The abstract contains purpose, methods, results and conclusions.
- d. The abstract is not closely related to another abstract by any of the same authors that has been submitted or previously presented
- e. The issue is well defined and important to children's dentistry.
- f. The methods are indicated or are obvious.
- g. The data and statistical analysis are adequate to evaluate the objectives.
- h. The results are adequate and appropriate.
- i. The conclusions are well founded, based on the methods used, the results of the study, and previously published literature.
- j. The conclusions are adequately qualified: i.e. the conclusions have appropriate limitations as implied by author.

ABSTRACT STYLE SHEET:

Abstracts that do not follow these guidelines may be disqualified.

1) General Guidelines

- a) Use 12-point type in Times New Roman font.
- b) Do not use bold, italic or underline unless otherwise indicated.

2) Heading Section (title, author, affiliation)

- a) This entire section should be bolded.
- b) Titles should be 10 words or less.
- c) A period (full stop) should appear at the title's end.

- d) List authors' names – last name first followed by initials. Do not separate initials by periods or include authors' degrees.
- e) Separate authors' names by commas, with no period following the final name.
- f) Place an asterisk after the presenter's name.
- g) List all affiliations following the last author's name and enclose them in parentheses.

3) Body

- a) The body should not exceed 250 words
- b) The body should contain indented paragraphs: Purpose, Methods, Case report/Technique, Results if applicable, Summary, Conclusions
- c) Do not include tables or charts in the body.
- d) All decimal values (except for *P* values) should have a 0 before the decimal (e.g., 0.5 mm). All decimal percentages should be rounded to whole numbers. Do not spell out "percent;" use the "%" symbol.