

Student symposium at INA-15

To maintain INA as a society of active and engaged researchers, it is important to bring our students to the biannual meeting! A student symposium has been held as part of many of the previous INA meetings. At the 25th anniversary meeting, INA-14, in The Netherlands in 2013 the ***David Ray Student Symposium*** was inaugurated.

To honor Dr. David Ray of Nottingham, who was the former INA president and teacher of many PhD students, the Executive Committee of INA will award the ***David Ray Student Travel Award*** to the student with the best presentation of the student symposium. David, who regrettably passed away in 2010, was an Englishman par excellence, an outstanding researcher in neurotoxicology, and a good friend to many of the INA members. His comments and questions were always sagacious phrased and blended with “British” humor. INA lost a valuable promoter of neurotoxicology much too early, and so to keep the memory of David Ray alive, the David Ray Student Travel Award will be conferred at every INA meeting here forth. .

During INA-15 this particular symposium has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st from 1.00 to 2.10 pm. To select eligible candidates we would like to encourage you and your students to submit their abstracts for this symposium. All students selected by the scientific committee of INA-15 to participate in the symposium will receive student travel support (partial reimbursement) and will be eligible to apply for the ***David Ray Student Travel Award***. The best presentation at the student symposium will be awarded with this prize and the winner will receive full compensation of her or his travel expenses.

Who can apply?

All students currently working on their PhD or MD thesis in any area of neurotoxicology under the supervision of a full INA member and early post-docs that defended their PhD/MD thesis during the academic year 2014-2015 are eligible.

What should be submitted?

- an abstract according to the sample attached to this email
- the CV of the applicant
- a letter of recommendation from the supervisor

Further steps:

After the **March 15, 2015**, the scientific committee of INA-15 will evaluate the submissions and top five ranked candidates will be selected to give a talk about their ongoing research during the ***David Ray Student Symposium***. During the symposium, the presentations will be evaluated by several referees to select the best talk to receive the Award.

Best regards and good luck,

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