

Dear Colleagues

We have three Awards to present at the 2017 IFPA meeting in Manchester, UK. The Chair of the Awards Committee, Dr. Estela Bevilacqua of the University of Sao Paolo, is soliciting nominations for the following Awards:

The IFPA Award In Placentology: This award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the field of placentology in all its aspects, including the relationship with fetus and mother. Nominees should be within 20 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree and be nominated by established senior scientists. The award is US\$2000 and the awardee will be invited to give a lecture during a plenary session of the 2017 IFPA meeting, which will be published in "Trophoblast Research". The awardee must be present to receive the award. The lecture will be published in "Trophoblast Research" following normal peer review procedures.

The IFPA Senior Award in Placentology: The "IFPA Senior Award in Placentology" is intended to recognize the work of established senior scientists/PIs/clinicians who have lead placental research groups for a substantial period of time (as a guide to nominators/applicants, more than 20 years might be appropriate) and have made a significant contribution to our understanding of placental and reproductive functions in general. Special emphasis is placed on the requirement that nominees be IFPA members who have contributed significantly to the development, leadership and/or mission of the IFPA. Awardees may also be able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to teaching of reproduction/placenta, to the development of younger placental researchers and/or the communication of placental research to the public. The IFPA Senior Award in Placentology will be presented at the next IFPA-designated meeting (2017, Manchester, U.K.). The "IFPA Senior Award in Placentology" represents the highest distinction of the international placental research community. There will be no monetary prize associated with the Award however the awardee will be invited to present a lecture during a plenary session of the 2017 IFPA meeting at which the Award will be presented. The lecture will be published in "Trophoblast Research" following normal peer review procedures. IFPA will provide up to US\$1500 towards the recipient's economy-class airfare to the meeting at which the award is being given. Candidates should be proposed by at least three IFPA members.

Andrée Gruslin Award: The Andrée Gruslin Award is named in honor of Dr. Andrée Gruslin, a maternal-fetal medicine specialist and researcher who, while battling breast cancer, continued not only her obstetrical service but also drove a well-known research program until her death in 2014. She spent her life researching placental health as a way of reducing risk from conditions such as preeclampsia and intrauterine growth restriction. This prize will be offered every year to an outstanding female mid-career investigator in the field of placental or placental-related biology. As a guide, candidates should be at the assistant/associate professor level. The award comprises a prize of £2500 (donated by Elsevier) and an invitation to contribute an article to the annual issue of "Trophoblast Research" containing the invited reviews commissioned from the IFPA meeting that year. The article will be subject to normal peer review procedures. At the

option of the IFPA meeting organizer, the award winner may be asked to present a lecture at the meeting that year. The candidates can be nominated by others or can self-nominate.

Please send your letters of nomination to Dr. Estela Bevilacqua at <bevilacq@usp.br>. The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2017.

Note: If you are going to nominate someone for an award, it is essential that

- They agree to be nominated.
- They will be present at the meeting to receive the award
- You send a current CV/resumé for the nominee with the nominating letter
- The awardee understands an abstract may be required by June 3, 2017.