

Annual Special Care Dentistry Award

The society will award **€300** to the best essay, case-report or completed project on any aspect of Special Care Dentistry. This award is funded by the **Dental Health Foundation**.

Criteria:

- **Applicants for the prize must be a current member of the Society.**
- A team, working together on a project, may enter.
- The following maximum word-count applies-
Essay/ case report/ completed project – 2500 words (excluding references and abstract).
- It is a requirement that the work would not have been presented elsewhere nor been awarded a prize previously.

Submitting your entry

Applicants must submit an electronic (cd or e-mail) copy and two hard (printed) copies of their entry with a detachable covering letter to the **Bursary co-ordinator** (details below) by **24th April 2015**.

The **detachable** covering letter must clearly indicate which competition is being entered. Contact details for all authors, including a full email address of the lead author, and the title of the project/case report/essay must be included in the covering letter. Authors' details should not appear in the report.

Your disc should be labelled carefully with the submitting author's name and the title of the project. Please read "**General Guidance for Authors**" for additional information.

Receipt of your entry will be by email to the submitting author.

Examples of the type of entry that are likely to be successful are: original review articles, oral health promotion projects, innovations in the way services are delivered, novel ways to provide dental care for people with disabilities, interdisciplinary working with parent/carer support groups.

The panel of judges will consist of the ISDH President, immediate Past President, President-elect and an invited academic. The decision of the panel of judges is final and will be communicated by 22nd May 2015. The prizewinners will be announced at the ISDH Annual Conference in June 2015 in Kilkenny. The prize will be awarded at the conference. Prizewinners will be invited to give a short oral or poster presentation of their successful entries at the Kilkenny Conference.

Entries will not be returned.

Please note the Society does not undertake to pay the expenses of the Author.

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Annual Special Care Dental Care Professional (DCP) Award

The society will award **€200** to the best essay, case-report or completed project on any aspect of Special Care Dentistry by a dental nurse, hygienist, oral health promoter or other non-dental healthcare professional. This award is funded by the **Dental Health Foundation**.

Criteria:

- This prize is **confined** to dental care professionals and non-dental healthcare professionals resident on the island of Ireland.
- A team, working together on a project, may enter.
- The following maximum word-count applies-
Essay/ case report/ completed project – 2500 words (excluding references and abstract).
- It is a requirement that the work would not have been presented elsewhere nor been awarded a prize previously.

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Student/ Newly Qualified Professional **Award**

The society will award **€150** to the best essay, case-report or completed project on any aspect of Special Care Dentistry by an undergraduate student or a newly qualified dental professional in the island of Ireland . This award is funded by the **Dental Health Foundation**.

Criteria:

- This prize is **confined** to undergraduate students or newly qualified dental professionals (first year post- qualification) on the island of Ireland.
- The following maximum word-count applies-
Essay/ case report/ completed project – 2500 words (excluding references and abstract).
- It is a requirement that the submitted piece would not have been presented elsewhere nor been awarded a prize previously.

Submitting your entry

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General Guidance for Authors

Title of the project

Should catch the readers' attention and be accurate.

Abstract

Summary of the report should be able to stand alone and be no more than 150 words.

Introduction

Should include

- a) Clear description of aims and objectives
- b) Explanation of the background to the project
- c) The relevance of the project to Special Care Dentistry

The literature review

1. The literature review is relevant to the study/ project /report and should be contemporaneous.
2. References should be key ones that relate to the study.

Study design

1. Choice of study design is adequately justified and should be appropriate to the overall subject.
2. Method of data collection should be identified and any forms/ questionnaires that have been used for data collection should be included. If these aren't available electronically you must supply 5 copies.
3. Enough information should be given to convey that the research method, intervention or care is sound from an evidence-based viewpoint.

Presentation of results

1. Any statistical information should be valid and robust.
2. Results should be presented clearly and concisely.
3. Graphics should be simple and inform rather than confuse the reader. They should relate to the text and overall subject.

Discussion and conclusions

1. There should be clear conclusions which should relate to the aims.
2. The limitations of the project in terms of validity and reliability should be clearly identified.
3. Costs and benefits should be considered.
4. Implications and/or follow-up work should be identified.

Presentation format

1) The project report should be typed, double spaced, and printed on one side of A4 paper, leaving a margin of 4 cm on the left hand side. Two copies are required. Pages should be numbered consecutively, and securely fastened at the top left hand corner.

2) Page 1 should give:

- a) The title of the report, without the author's name.
- b) An abstract up to a maximum of 150 words.
- c) A statement highlighting the clinical relevance of the case report/ project/ essay.

Other general points

1) Annotation of teeth should be clearly marked in the Palmer style (e.g. Lower left three, /3)

2) Use the generic name for any drugs mentioned with (if pertinent) the proprietary name in brackets immediately after.

3) There is no limit on the number of graphs, tables, photographs or radiographs that may be included. However, authors should note that: -

- a) Photographs and radiographs should be of a high quality, with serial photographs being of the same magnification and same exposure. When taking intra oral photographs it is advisable to leave your operating light on, for maximum illumination.
- b) There is **appropriate** consent for publication of any patient photograph and that no patient's names should appear in the text.
- c) The text, photographs, graphics and conclusions should be original and consistent.

4) Acknowledgements should appear at the end of the text, before the reference section.

5) References should be in the Vancouver style and checked carefully by the author. ***They must be cited in the text in numerical order of appearance***, and appear in numerical order at the end of the report.

6) Relevant paper documents included in the entry (e.g survey forms, questionnaires) should be included in the electronic version i.e. the paper and cd/e-mail entries should be the same. However if it isn't possible to scan or otherwise make such items available electronically **5 paper copies** of the relevant documents **must** be submitted.