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EHRA Inventors Award 2015

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Purpose of the Inventors Award

The European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA), a registered branch of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), is offering an Award to innovative clinicians and scientists working in the field of Arrhythmias and Electrophysiology. The innovation project should relate to the field of EP and address any novel approach, including software, hardware, drugs etc.

Eligibility

Applicants eligible for the award are those who:

- Work in Electrophysiology and Arrhythmias
- Work in private clinic, hospital and university
- Who develop or have developed an invention
- Are citizen or permanent resident of a country which is a regular ESC member country
- Are EHRA member (mandatory)

Note:

- Applicants must submit their invention in a protected manner (at least provisional patent)
- Invention could be at an early stage (basic research, feasibility study, development of technology) or in a later stage (system development)
- Applicants working in medical companies/ industries are not allowed to apply for this award
- The official language is English and all official documents must be submitted in English

Selection Criteria

- Innovativeness:
 - Completely new concept vs. addition to already existing technology, approaches
- Stage of development:
 - Experimental vs. close to clinical use
- Size of field for innovation:
 - How many patients can possibly benefit?
- Estimated extent of clinical benefit compared to current practice.
- Quality of the description of the innovation:
 - Unmet needs
 - Motivation
 - Scientific background
 - Experimental support for innovation
 - Intellectual property acquired
 - Plans for the future

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How to apply?

- **First Step:** Request your electronic application form at EHRA@escardio.org
- **Second Step:** Fill in the application form
- **Third step:** Send back the application form (filled in and signed)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION APRIL 1, 2015

IMPORTANT:

- The application form is in electronic format (MS-Word), and should be completed and submitted electronically (MS-Word). Paper applications will not be accepted.
- All parts of the application should be returned by the closing date, by the responsible persons who have been requested to complete them, directly to the European Heart Rhythm Association electronically at EHRA@escardio.org.
- Applications that are received after the closing date and/or that are incomplete will not be accepted.
- Application must conform to the pre-defined layout and provide the necessary information within the space(s) provided in the form; so make a careful selection of your documentation.

Evaluation

- EHRA Innovation Committee members will reviews applications
- A grading system will be applicable, for all points 1-5.
 - Minimal required score: on average 3.5 and at least 3 for each point.
- The chairperson of the committee reserves the right to decide which application is to be selected in case of the equal scores.

Restrictions

- Employees working for any industry are excluded from this competition
- The invention should NOT yet be commercially available at the time of submission of the invention.
- Applicants must have provisional patent for their invention submission

Duties

The EHRA Inventors Award winner will have to write a paper for EP Europace Journal which will be peer reviewed. The paper should be submitted after the date of winning the award during the next 12 months.