

At its biennial international conferences, the ESM grants the following awards to researchers in all stages of their individual career:

JVR/ESM Prize¹

All papers published in JVR will be eligible to enter for the JVR/ESM prize. \$ 2,000 will be presented to the first author of the most prestigious paper, as judged by a panel of experts made up of 3 ESM members and 3 JVR editors. Awardees will also be given free membership of the ESM for 4 years and the opportunity to organise a symposium at an ESM meeting. There is no application procedure. All papers published in the 2 years prior to the *1st November 2001 deadline* will be considered.

Lars-Erik Gelin Conference Travel Award¹

Together with the submission of an abstract for an international conference of the ESM, young scientists may apply for a travel grant which will cover the registration fee and support their travel costs. Prizes are awarded on the basis of the quality of the submitted abstracts (rules and regulations in the conference information).

Van Leeuwenhoek distinctive Travel Award¹



This award entails a donation of 2,500 € to allow younger researchers in the area of microcirculatory and vascular biology research to visit research laboratories to learn new techniques. Personal applications as well as suggestions are invited. The candidate should provide a two-page curriculum vitae including a short section on scientific development and future perspectives. The top ranking applications will be rewarded by a free subscription of the *Journal of Vascular Research* for two years.

Van Leeuwenhoek distinctive Travel Award 2000: Hans Vink (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) for his pioneering studies on the endothelial surface layer.

¹ Next to be awarded at the 22nd Conference of the ESM, August 28–30, 2002, in Exeter.

Lafon Microcirculation Award for Outstanding Publications¹



This career development award which is given biannually (donation \$ 5,000 by the Laboratoire L. Lafon) aims at researchers in the first half of their career who have shown by relevant publications that they are able and willing to develop and support new concepts and perspectives for microcirculatory and vascular biology research in the experimental or the clinical environment. Details and application forms can be obtained from Prof. K. Meßmer, the Chairman of the Lafon Award Committee, Institute for Surgical Research, Marchioninstr. 15, 81366 Munich, e-mail: icf.sek@icf.med.uni-muenchen.de.

Lafon Microcirculation Award 2000: Wolfgang M. Kübler (Munich, Germany) for the paper by W. Kübler et al.: 'A novel signaling mechanism between gas and blood compartments of the lung' (J Clin Invest 2000;105:905-913).

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The Malpighi Award¹



This most prestigious award of the ESM recognizes scientific achievements of a longer scientific career. It aims at researchers who are active in the field and stand out by their publications and scientific contributions, by their service to the entire field of microcirculatory and vascular biology research, and by their promotion of younger scientists. Nominations by national societies as well as by individual members of the ESM are welcome. They should include a two-page C.V., a publication list and a short description of the nominee's scientific contributions justifying the suggestion. The awardee is invited to give the Malpighi lecture at the biennial conference of the ESM.

Malpighi Award 2000: Robert S. Reneman (Maastricht, The Netherlands).

Honorary Membership of the ESM

Researchers who have been active in microcirculation and vascular biology for a long time (but may be retired from their professional duties) can be awarded honorary membership upon suggestion by national societies or individual members of the ESM. The suggestion should be accompanied by a two-page C.V., a publication list and the motives for the suggestion.