

## The BD International Infection Control Conference Grant (Best Oral Presentation Award)

### Conditions of Award

The BD International Infection Control Conference grant is awarded to the NZNO National Division of Infection Control Nurses (NDICN) member who presents the best paper at the NDICN National Conference. The award is to the value of \$3000 NZD and is to be used for travel, registration and accommodation costs to attend an international infection control conference approved by the NDICN committee.

Only one award may be entered for at the same conference.

#### Entry Criteria

- Entrant must be a full member of the NZNO National Division of Infection Control Nurses.
- Entrant must have submitted an abstract according to the documented Conference criteria.
- Entrant must formally register for conference.
- Entrant must complete the entry form and submit it by the closing date (as advertised by the conference organisers).
- One entry per presenter only is permitted. In the event that the entrant is presenting more than one paper at the same conference, the entrant must specify which paper is being entered for the award.
- The grant must be used within 2 years of receiving the award.
- The award winner must submit a written conference report to the NDICN newsletter ('Controlla') within 6 months of attending the conference.

#### Exclusion Criteria

- Invited & trade sponsored speakers are not eligible to enter.
- Employees of BD (or any **other** medical supply company) are not eligible to enter. *NDICN members who work for a medical company but have a significant infection control component to their job and/or work as an infection control practitioner will not be excluded.*
- Previous winners of the BD Conference Grant shall be excluded from eligibility for the following two NDICN national conferences.
- A report from a conference funded by the NDICN is not eligible for this award.

#### Judging Criteria

- There must be at least 2 entrants for the grant to be awarded.
- Eligible papers will be judged using a standardised assessment and marking form.
- A minimum score must be attained as per marking form.
- BD and the NDICN committee will approve and appoint 3 persons to the judging panel prior to conference. The following selection criteria apply:
  - One judge shall represent BD, 2 others will represent the NDICN.
  - Judges are present at all presentations.
  - Judges are not members of the conference organising committee.
  - Judges are not presenting a paper at this conference.
  - Judges will exclude themselves if they have a potential bias towards an entrant e.g. working colleagues or they have helped the entrant with their presentation prior to conference.

Please note the judging panel's decision is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into. The award will be announced at the end of the Conference. The award will be administered by the NDICN committee (see instructions on reverse of award certificate).