Best Basic Science Poster Award

This award is open to all scientists regardless of origin or levels, provided the research is related to the field of basic science in orthopaedics. This award was created more than 6 years ago to increase the participation of scientists in orthopaedic related research work in Malaysia. It is hoped that by doing so, MOA is encouraging more people to engage in serious research work, purely driven at understanding the very fundamentals of sciences that have enormous impact on orthopaedic practices. This award is generously donated in full by Dato' Dr K.S. Sivananthan, who is a veteran, a Past President of MOA and esteemed member of the MOA and patron of this award since its inception.

The Prize

A cash prize of **RM1,000.00** donated by Dato' Dr K.S. Sivananthan.

Regulations

1. This award is open to all scientists regardless of origin or levels provided the research is related to the field of orthopaedics (based on the interpretation of the scientific committee.)
2. **Abstract submitted for this award should be an unpublished original orthopaedic related research (lab study). Systemic reviews are not accepted.**
3. The bulk of the work submitted must be performed by the author even though the author may have done the work in conjunction with other doctors or agencies either locally or internationally. However, the work must be carried out in Malaysia.
4. The abstract will be evaluated on the following criteria:-
   - The relevance of the work to orthopaedic research or practice.
   - The scientific merit of the research.
   - Sufficient introduction to justify clear research question.
   - The appropriateness of the methodologies used.
   - The interpretation of results and conclusions.
   - Presentation skills.
   - Ability to answer questions from the judges.
5. Upon the abstract submission deadline, all abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and be scored by a selected group of judges to shortlist the top 5 finalists. All authors will be notified of the status of their paper.
6. All results are final; however the scientific committee has the right to make the final decision during special circumstances.
7. The author of a top 5 finalist abstract must present an oral presentation of the paper as well as prepare a poster presentation during the MOA Annual Scientific Meeting. Finalists will be provided with complimentary registration to the 55th MOA ASM 2026.
8. The poster presentation judging will be at the poster panels. The assigned time for each finalist will be informed closer to the conference date.
9. All finalists and non-finalists presenting in MOA Annual Scientific Meeting must register for the conference as a delegate.
10. All finalists will be invited to the MOA President's Dinner. The winner will be announced during the dinner and the winner must be present to accept the award.

Application

Abstract submission can be done online at our website. The deadline for submission of abstract is **2359hrs, 16th March 2026**. Please refer and adhere strictly to the **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES** on page 18 for the accepted format of submission. The same submission format applies for those submitting for this award. Abstracts that do not adhere to the guideline will not be entertained.