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**New deadline for nominations: November 1, 2010**

**-- CALL FOR NOMINATIONS --**  
**PRACP WERNER KALOW BEST PAPER AWARD IN CLINICAL PHARMACOGENETICS**

Werner Kalow and several leading investigators in the field of pharmacogenetics founded the Pacific Rim Association for Clinical Pharmacogenetics (PRACP) in 1990. As a learned professional society, the PRACP contributes to advancement of population based clinical pharmacogenetics and personalized medicine research and education, focusing on the Asia-Pacific. The PRACP is an associate member society at the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR).

In memory of Professor Kalow, the PRACP established the "Werner Kalow Best Paper Award in Clinical Pharmacogenetics". The first award will be presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> PRACP Meeting to be held in Asia in December 2011.

The eligibility criteria are:

- An innovative clinical pharmacogenetics study already published (from January 2007 to November 2010).
- The paper reports a study conducted in human subjects with a focus on the genetic basis of variability in response (efficacy and toxicity) to medicines.
- We are seeking a paper with an innovative idea that breaks new ground in clinical pharmacology and human therapeutics, answers a novel hypothesis while also raising new fundamental mechanistic questions for human biology and clinical pharmacogenetics.
- Adherence to the highest socio-ethical standards. Considerations (in the paper) for the downstream impact of scientific discoveries on the society would be an additional asset.
- Authors from any geographical region and institution (public, private, government, NGO, other) can nominate their own paper.
- An international panel of independent researchers will select the best paper. If the committee does not identify a suitable original paper that meets the high innovation standards, the award may be postponed to the subsequent nomination cycle.

The award will be given to entire list of authors named on the top-ranked paper. Investigators, including the award committee members, can nominate papers by independent authors and research groups.

The nomination process is simple and will require a concise description of why the authors' study is original and innovative (written by the nominating authors, to be submitted by email to the PRACP Secretariat). The study description paragraph in the nomination letter should be no more than 100 words, indicating succinctly the key innovative idea and findings. Longer nominations will be disqualified. For rapid peer review and selection, no acknowledgement letters or written peer review assessment will be provided.



There will not be a monetary award but the recognition that the paper stood the rigorous standards of the international peer review committee. One of the authors from the selected best paper (first or senior author, or a suitable designate approved by all authors) will be invited to attend the next PRACP conference in 2011 to deliver a plenary lecture related to their paper.

The PRACP will cover the presenter's basic economy airfare and four nights hotel accommodation. An appropriately framed award certificate will be presented at the PRACP annual meeting in recognition of the work and the authors.

The nomination cover letter, together with a pdf copy of the nominated paper should be submitted (**by email only**) to the address below, **no later than November 1, 2010**.

Following peer review, only the author(s) of the selected best paper will be contacted prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual PRACP Meeting in 2011.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

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