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To Members of the IAP Education Committee

Dear All

I am pleased to tell you that the selection of applicants for Bursaries to attend the 2010 Congress in Sao Paulo is now completed.

There were 94 applicants from 24 **C**ountries, of whom 42 were from Brazilian pathologists.
Of these 94, 35 were considered as meriting the award of a Bursary.

You will recall that at the Education Committee Meeting in Washington it was agreed that successful applicants would receive $1000 and that the $200 Reduced Registration fee would be paid on their behalf directly to the Congress Secretariat. Thus essentially each would be awarded $1200.
You may recall also that due to the generous donations from IAP divisions for bursaries, there would be around $53,000 available for this purpose. At the Meeting, it was also agreed, due to the late posting of the Congress website, to extend the deadline for application to the 31st May. In this context, it should be noted that the deadline set by the Congress Secretariat for submission of abstracts was also set at 31st May. For these reasons and the time factor involved of dealing with the financial aspects of the bursary arrangements, the selection process had to proceed with all speed.

The selection of applicants from countries other than Brazil was relatively straight forward. Of the 52 applicants, 33 pathologists were judged to be fully deserving of bursary awards.(Two of those selected have now withdrawn).

The real problem lay in the selection of 42 the Brazilian applicants. All but 3 were young, either residents or newly appointed to a senior post. Of these, 4 were quite excellent and selected for bursaries to the full amount of $1200 and 16 were rejected for a number of reasons.

Having selected 35 Bursary recipients, $42,000 were now committed leaving some $10,000 in hand.
It therefore seemed that since there was little to choose between the 22 remaining applicants in terms of CVs etc and poster submissions that the most equitable solution was as follows:
Select those pathologists coming from towns outside Sao Paulo for Bursaries of $700 ($500 +Registration fee $200) towards travel costs, etc. and pathologists in Sao Paulo for Bursaries representing only the $200 Registration fee paid on their behalf.
I discussed this proposal with David Hardwick who thought it a good solution. Jim Crimmins was also happy with this arrangement.
The different types of Bursaries would be identifies as Full Bursaries ($1200) and the other two called Travel ($700) and Registration ($200) Bursaries.
Applying these criteria there are 11 Travel Bursaries and 11 Registration Bursaries.

I hope you are all in agreement with this selection process and approve of the selected applicants.

Kind regards

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