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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS AT IOF WORLD CONGRESS ON OSTEOPOROSIS

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Young researchers in the osteoporosis field have three special opportunities to showcase their work and win grants at the IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis, to be held from June 2-6, 2006 in Toronto, Canada.

The opportunities are the IOF-Novartis Young Scholars Program, IOF-Servier Young Investigator Research Award and IOF Young Investigator Travel Awards.

IOF-Novartis Young Scholars Program

The presenting first authors of the ten highest rated qualifying abstracts selected for poster presentations will be honored as IOF-Novartis Young Scholars (maximum 40 years of age). Winners will receive a prize consisting of a travel, accommodation and registration grant. They will also receive a certificate of recognition and be invited to present their work to a panel of experts to receive high-level feedback about their research and poster presentations.

IOF Young Investigator Travel Awards

A number of awards may be available to young investigators, up to 35 years old by June 2, 2006, for selected abstracts that have ranked exceptionally high in the review process. Applicants are asked to indicate their eligibility on the online abstract submission form. Only first authors who are also the presenting author of the abstract will be considered for this award.

The deadline for abstracts is December 6, 2005.

To submit your abstract go to:

http://www.osteofound.org/wco/2006/call_for_abstracts.php

IOF-Servier Young Investigator Research Award

The IOF-Servier Young Investigator Research Award, presented every two years to an osteoporosis researcher under the age of 40, aims to encourage young scientists to carry out high quality research. The Award is supported by the Servier Research group in partnership with IOF, and awards euro 40,000 towards original research of significant value and international relevance in the field of osteoporosis. The project must contribute to ensuring that people with osteoporosis receive the best care possible. Applications for the 2005 IOF-Servier Young Investigator Research Award are being accepted until December 1, 2005.

To apply please go to: <http://www.osteofound.org/activities/servier.html>

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***Osteoporosis**, in which the bones become porous and break easily, is one of the world's most common and debilitating diseases. The result: pain, loss of movement, inability to perform daily chores, and in many cases, death. One out of three women over 50 will experience osteoporotic fractures, as will one out of five men^{1,2,3}. Unfortunately, screening for people at risk is far from being a standard practice. Osteoporosis can, to a certain extent, be prevented, it can be easily diagnosed and effective treatments are available.*

***The International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF)** is the only worldwide organization dedicated to the fight against osteoporosis. It brings together scientists, physicians, patient societies and corporate partners. Working with its 170 member societies in 84 locations, and other healthcare-related organizations around the world, IOF encourages awareness and prevention, early detection and improved treatment of osteoporosis.*

*1 Melton U, Chrischilles EA, Cooper C et al. How many women have osteoporosis? *Journal of Bone Mineral Research*, 1992; 7:1005-10*

*2 Kanis JA et al. Long-term risk of osteoporotic fracture in Malmö. *Osteoporosis International*, 2000; 11:669-674*

*3. Melton LJ, et al. Bone density and fracture risk in men. *JBMR*. 1998; 13:No 12:1915*

***IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis**, held every two years, is the only global congress dedicated specifically to all aspects of osteoporosis. Besides the opportunity to learn about the latest science and developments in diagnosis, treatment and the most recent socio-economic studies, participants have the chance to meet and exchange ideas with other physicians from around the world. All aspects of osteoporosis will be covered during the Congress which will comprise lectures by invited speakers presenting cutting edge research in the field, and a large number of oral presentations and poster sessions selected from submitted abstracts. More than 70 Meet the Expert Sessions covering many practical aspects of diagnosis and management of osteoporosis are also on the program.*

International Osteoporosis Foundation 2005 Osteoporosis Journalism Awards

These awards recognize outstanding print reporting about osteoporosis. With prizes of USD 17,000, the closing date for award entries is January 31, 2006. For more information please go to IOF website [journalism award](#).

For more information on osteoporosis and IOF please visit: www.osteofound.org

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