

FIRST ROUND OF AUSTRALASIAN NEMATOLOGY FUND GRANTS: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Following the 5ICN, and in line with the stated aim of AAN to support development of nematology and to encourage communication between Australasian nematologists, a small fund is available to support registration and other costs of students training in nematology to travel to national and international conferences. The fund is now calling for applications for support in 2010/11. Two grants of about \$500 are available, but the advisory committee may vary amounts awarded in any year, including not allocating grants, at its absolute discretion. Applicants should be members of AAN, and an award will not disqualify further applications in future years, although preference will be given to awardees who have not previously been recipients.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In keeping with the desire for maximum flexibility, there is no formal procedure. Send an email to Mike Hodda with the subject "Australasian Nematology Fund" stating what you want to attend, why, what support you have and need, and what you are going to do if supported (eg "oral presentation on ...", "attend specialist workshop on..."). Also include personal information (name, institution, department, degree, year, supervisor(s), email, telephone, proposed title of presentation, other support for travel (the advisory panel may make enquiries regarding claims made under this heading), and list of attendance at other nematology and plant pathology meetings, and any previous awards under ANF (not relevant in this the first year of the scheme). Please send applications for this years awards by 30 May 2010. Depending on availability of the advisory panel, an announcement should be made by the end of June.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Financial need and availability of institutional support
- Inability to attend without support
- Potential benefit to applicant
- Potential benefit to Australasian nematology (will applicants be in a position to share any knowledge gained, particularly from overseas conferences, with other AAN members, or will presentations by applicants at local conferences benefit audiences, or enhance information exchange or collaborations)
- Quality of any proposed presentations
- Benefits from any previous award

ADVISORY PANEL

Executive of AAN (Mike Hodda, Vivien Vanstone and Sarah Collins), plus Kerrie Davies.

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