

Committee on Conference Sponsorships and Student Awards

Biennial report: 2017-2019

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Establishment of the Committee and delegation of authority

The Committee on Conference Sponsorships and Student Awards (CCSSA) was established in March 2017. A full proposal presenting the responsibilities and authority of the committee was sent out to Council for discussion in December 2017. A formal resolution delegating authority to the CCSSA was approved unanimously by a majority of Council (19 votes) in March 2018.

Annual budget

Non-ICPhS years

In consultation with the Treasurer and the other Executive Officers, an annual budget of 3,000 Euros for student awards in non-ICPhS years was agreed upon. This budget was decided on the basis of past requests for conference co-sponsoring (1-3 per year) and expenses for the early bird registration fees of IPA student members participating in these conferences. In March 2018, a majority of Council unanimously approved the €3,000 budget for 2018 (19 votes). €750 in total were granted for awards in 2018.

ICPhS 2019

A budget of GBP21k was unanimously approved by a majority of Council for 35 IPA Student Awards for ICPhS-2019. An additional 10 Travel Bursaries and 4 Gösta Bruce Scholarships were also approved (22 votes). The IPA Student Awards were drawn from the IPA 2019 Student Award budget while the Gösta Bruce Scholarships were drawn from the GB memorial fund (about €2798 at the time) and the Travel Bursaries from the start-up fund of £7250 that was returned to the IPA by the organizers of ICPhS-2015 in Glasgow. All categories of awards were set to a rate of up to GBP600, due to the anticipated high costs of ICPhS in Melbourne. During ICPhS years, ICPhS is the only event sponsored by the IPA.

Proposal for Awards for ICPHS 2019

A proposal for a Student Award Scheme for ICPHS 2019 was prepared by the CCSSA and was sent out to the Council for discussion. The proposal provided details on the different types of awards, the eligibility criteria, financial benefits, application procedure and paper selection criteria including a set of evaluation criteria. Following discussion, a revised proposal was unanimously approved by a majority of Council (21 votes) in February 2019.

For ICPHS 2019, three categories of awards were offered: IPA Student Awards covering costs of early-bird student member registration fee and accommodation, IPA Travel Bursaries and Gösta Bruce Scholarships for travel costs to ICPHS.

IPA Student Awards

The CCSSA has used a specific set of criteria for the evaluation of abstracts/papers submitted by student members applying for an award. A revised set of criteria was proposed for ICPHS (available on the IPA website) which can be used for the selection of abstracts/papers in future conferences.

The following awards were granted per year:

2017

Three awards were granted to student members for participation in the PaPE2017 conference, 12-14 June 2017, Cologne, Germany, set at the early-bird student registration fee (€120 per award). The student awardees were Christina Domene Moreno (University of Würzburg), Marianne Kusterer (University of Konstanz) and Elina Rubertus (University of Potsdam). A total of nine applications were received and awards were granted following the review of abstracts by the Committee.

2018

Five awards were granted to student members for participation in the LabPhon 16 conference, June 19-22, 2018, at the University of Lisbon, Portugal, set at the early bird student registration fee (€150 per award). The student awardees were: Anna Bruggeman (University of Cologne, Germany), Amber B. Camp (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, USA), Stefano Coretta (University of Manchester, UK), Sarah Harper (University of Southern California, USA) and Robin Karlin (Cornell University, USA). A total of ten applications were received and awards were granted following the review of abstracts by the Committee.

2019

Forty nine student members received IPA Student Awards/Travel Bursaries and Gösta Bruce Scholarships for participation in ICPHS-2019 (up to GBP600 per award). Following paper evaluation, 49 papers were selected from a total of 144 applications. The four highest scoring papers were selected for the Gösta Bruce Scholarships (two papers on prosody and two on other areas of phonetics). The 4 awardees for the Gösta Bruce Scholarships were Josh Clothier, Quentin Qin, Jungyun Seo, Katharina Zahner. The 45 awardees for the IPA Student Awards/Travel Bursaries were Sarah Babinski, Marton Bartok, Emanuela Buizza, Yaminah Carter, Ja Young Choi, Jenna Conklin, Meike (Marria) de Boer, Alexis Dehais Underdown, Marie Dokovova, Marita Everhardt, Jiayin Gao, Helen Gent, Lindsey Graham, Sarah Harper, Ane Icardo Isasa, Hyunjung Joo, Jiseung Kim, Boram Kim, Jungah Lee, Jiyoun Lee, Eleanor Lewis, Sarah Li, Katherine Marcoux, Michael McAuliffe, Philipp Meer, Marie-Anne Morand, Sejin Oh, Skye Onosson, Rosamund Oxbury, Joshua Penney, Louise Ratko, Antoin Eoin Rodgers, Na-Young Ryu, Mitko Sabev, Terri Scott, Kaylin Smith, Jeremy Steffman, Alyssa Strickler, Lisa Sullivan, James Tanner, Jia Tian, Aurora Troncoso-Ruiz, Mengzhu Yan, Sun Yan, Muye Zhang. For paper evaluation for ICPHS-2019, the CCSSA was assisted by six additional Council members.

Issues for consideration and future action

1. Dissemination of the IPA policy for conference co-sponsoring.

Aim: to increase the number of applications for conference co-sponsoring and the number of IPA student awards granted per year.

2. Use of unspent funds in a specific year:

Possible options:

(a) if there are no further applications for conference co-sponsoring, an invitation for applications from student members presenting their research at any conference may be made (this policy was adopted in 2014).

(b) unspent funds may be carried forward for use in the following year.

3. Eligibility criteria for Student Awards

Discussion about the eligibility of different groups of IPA members for Student Awards, i.e. unemployed members, members under age 35, and members from countries where funding resources are limited.