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Richard Scher / Robert Baran Resident Award

The Council for Nail Disorders is pleased to announce it will present the Richard Scher / Robert Baran Resident Award for the **best oral presentation by a resident or medical student** at the Scientific Session of the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting on June 1st. The paper presented will receive the Scher / Baran Award in the amount of \$500.00.

Award winners are encouraged to submit an article based on their presentation to an appropriate PubMed listed journal. Award funds will be presented when the article is submitted. The following criteria are used:

Originality: How original or unique is the idea, observation or research? This criterion assumes that the applicant's sponsor made a contribution, but it evaluates only the originality of the idea or concept, not the originator of the idea.

Design or methods used in the investigation or research: This criterion considers the appropriateness and cleverness of the design or methods used in the investigation or research, which includes such obvious parameters as appropriate controls and the like.

Logicity of conclusions: Do the conclusions reached by the investigator follow logically from the investigative methods used? Did the presentation make sense?

Clinical usefulness: How useful are the observations or conclusions to the clinical practitioner? Although laboratory research is welcome, emphasis is placed on the practicality of the observations or on conclusions that are applicable to clinical practice. This includes such considerations as the probability of seeing patients with a similar problem and the ability to use any new information to the immediate benefit of patients.

Audiovisual presentation: How clear are the slides? How clear was the presentation? How entertaining and enlightening was the presentation? Appropriate levity is not to be discouraged.

Three independent judges will rate each of these criteria on a scale ranging from 0 to 5. The applicant accumulating the highest total point score will receive the award. In the event of a tie, the three judges will vote independently for **one** of the tied presentations. The total votes then determine the recipient of the award.

How to Apply. Complete the Abstract Submission Form including:

1. Indicate your eligibility for the Scher / Baran Resident Award.
2. Submit a letter from your Program Director confirming your status.

Submissions must be received by April 15th, 2024.
Please email required documentation to Kristen.CND@gmail.com