

Young Investigator Award

The ISPPD-13 Meeting provides abstract presenters with an opportunity to apply for the YI Award via the abstract submission system.

Please note: Application is now closed. Finalists will be notified by 10 March 2023.

KEY DATES

- **Application period:** 15 May 2023 – 26 September 2023
- **Notification date:** Finalists are notified a week before the Meeting

**Please note that all efforts are made to send notifications by the planned date. Should there be delays with the selection process, revised dates will be posted here.*

GOAL

ISPPD will grant abstract awards to young investigators presenting their abstracts during the ISPPD-13 Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. The goal of this award is to inspire young investigators to continue research on pneumonia and pneumococcal diseases by recognizing outstanding scientific investigations.

ELIGIBILITY

- A registered ISPPD-13 Meeting attendee
- Currently in or within 5 years of completing a training programme
- Must be the presenting author on an abstract accepted for the ISPPD-13 Meeting

PROCEDURE

- Eligible persons submitting abstracts to ISPPD-13 will note at the time of submission if they would like to be considered for the award. ***Please note: When applying for the YI Award, it is recommended that the presenting author is also the abstract submitter. The designated presenting author is the one who should submit the required documentation for the YI award application.***
- Reviewers for each abstract category will list their recommendations for the top 3 abstracts from among those submitted for award consideration.
- A panel of judges will receive the recommended abstracts before the ISPPD-13 Meeting and select 12 finalists.
- During ISPPD-13, the judges will review the presentations or posters of the finalists and select the winners.

Abstracts will be considered in two categories

1. Clinical and epidemiological studies
2. Basic or translational science and microbiology

For each category, three finalists and one winner will be selected from among ISPPD-13 participants based in high-income countries and the same number selected from among those based in lower or middle-income countries, with country income

categories as defined by World Bank

REVIEW

Scoring criteria

- Novel content and potential contribution to scientific advancement
- Clear description and presentation of methods and findings
- Potential for significant public health impact

Judges

The panel of judges will include 5 persons:

- Panel leader from the host country
- Basic/translational scientist or microbiologist from a high-income setting and a second from a low- or middle-income country
- Clinical or epidemiology expert from a high-income country and another from a low- or middle-income country

AWARD

Finalists will be acknowledged with a ribbon that will be displayed on their ISPPD-13 posters or will be included on the title slide of their presentations. Winners will be announced at the start of the final plenary session or closing ceremony. Winners will receive a certificate and free registration for the next ISPPD Meeting (ISPPD-14 in 2026).

2024 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD WINNERS

Feroze Ganaie, United States

DISCOVERY OF A NOVEL PNEUMOCOCCAL CAPSULE TYPE 33E THAT HAS EMERGED FROM VACCINE TYPE 33F VIA A SINGLE GENE INACTIVATION AND MAY EVADE 33F-INDUCED IMMUNITY

Dennis Hoving, Netherlands

PNEUMOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATION AND SEROTYPE-SPECIFIC B CELLS: INTEGRATING IMMUNIZATION METHOD AND RISK OF COLONIZATION WITH CELLULAR FREQUENCY AND PHENOTYPE

Jackie Kleynhans, South Africa

LABORATORY-CONFIRMED INVASIVE PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE IN SOUTH AFRICA AFTER THE SARS-COV-2 PANDEMIC

Lusako Sibale, Malawi

WITHIN-HOST PNEUMOCOCCAL SEROTYPE 3 GENETIC DIVERSITY AND EVOLUTION DURING A ONE-YEAR PROLONGED CARRIAGE EPISODE IN A HEALTHY ADULT