

## **2010 NBTS MEETING AWARD INFORMATION**

**Three awards are described below:**

- 1) the Richard Butcher New Investigator Award,**
  - 2) NBTS Conference Awards, and**
  - 3) the James C. Bradford Memorial Student Poster Award (sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Reproduction and Teratology Association, MARTA).**
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### **NBTS RICHARD BUTCHER NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

The Richard Butcher New Investigator Research Award is presented to the best paper by a new investigator in the field. The award is named in honor of NBTS founding member, Dr. Richard Butcher. The paper must be published or in press in a peer reviewed journal during the 2009 calendar year and need not have been published in NTT. The applicant must be first author of the paper and either a current student or have completed their degree within the last 3 years. A New Investigator Award will not be made for a paper previously having received a Conference Award. The winner will present the paper at the annual meeting in a platform session and be awarded with a plaque honoring their achievement. All of the winner's expenses at the meeting, including registration fees, will be paid.

### **NBTS CONFERENCE AWARDS**

To assist graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and laboratory assistants who have contributed significantly to research, the Neurobehavioral Teratology Society has a limited number of Conference Awards for the 2010 meeting. These awards, designed to defray a portion or all of the costs of travel to the meeting, are in the amount of \$700 each and will be presented at the annual business meeting of the Society. Additionally, the registration fee for the meeting will be waived for recipients of Conference Awards. Eligible minority students are particularly encouraged to apply.

### **TERATOLOGY SOCIETY JAMES C. BRADFORD MEMORIAL STUDENT POSTER AWARD**

This is an award for the best poster presentation by a student at the annual meetings of the Teratology Society (TS) and Neurobehavioral Teratology Society (NBTS). It is jointly sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Reproduction and Teratology Association (MARTA) and Sanofi-Aventis in honor of Dr. Jim Bradford. Dr. Bradford was a past-President of MARTA and Sigma Xi, and he served on Committees of the TS. He was Director of Research and Development Operations at Sanofi-Aventis at the time of his death. He mentored several current members of the Teratology Society and was a pioneer in Industrial Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology (DART) Testing. Currently, the award consists of a plaque and \$250, although the monetary award is subject to change.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Nominees or nominators need not be NBTS members.
- Nominees must be students, post-doctoral fellows, laboratory assistants, or new investigators, as indicated in specific award categories.
- Nominations of minority candidates - African American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, and Native Alaskan – are especially encouraged.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Selection of the award recipients will be made by members of the Awards Committee of the NBTS. TS Judging Committee will award the James C. Bradford Poster Award. The following criteria will be used:

- Relevance of the research topic to the NBTS membership
- Soundness of the scientific methodology
- Quality of research in terms of novelty, scope and likely impact
- Strength of recommendation letter and the applicant's CV
- For Bradford Poster Awards, clarity/appearance of poster, oral presentation of poster

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS.**

- Indicate on electronic abstract submission form your intention to apply for an award.
- Send the following to [melnicks@sklsi.com](mailto:melnicks@sklsi.com):
  - PDF of paper to be considered for New Investigator Award
  - Copy of your CV
  - Name of your research advisor (have him/her submit letter of recommendation by due date)
  - Name of award you are applying for
  - Whether you are eligible for Minority Student Status

Make sure you have indicated your intent to compete for Conference Awards during the Online Abstract Submission Process!

Submit all materials to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Dr. Susan Melnick, by February 15, 2010:

[melnicks@sklsi.com](mailto:melnicks@sklsi.com)