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NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD CLOSING DATE: 30 June 2009

The New Investigator Award (\$1000) for excellence in the conduct and presentation of scientific research will be made at the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Associations. The work to be presented will have been carried out:

- By a member, student member or associate member of either ASA or ASTA
- During the candidate's first substantive research programme or project
- Over a period of two years or more, either part-time or full time.

The applicant will have been responsible for the major components of the work to be presented. The age of the applicant will not determine eligibility.

The award will be based on the scientific merit, presentation and discussion of a paper to be presented orally at the ASM. The presentation will be ten minutes followed by five minutes for questions.

The panel of judges will comprise members of both ASA & ASTA.

Before the ASM the judges will evaluate applications based on a review of the abstract of the paper (for publication in the ASM Proceedings) in which the background and significance of the work is outlined. These will be evaluated by each judge, and individual scores from each judge will be aggregated. Further details of the research may be required by the judges, and individuals will be contacted if this is the case.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- Excellence in the design, execution, analysis and critical appraisal of their research
- Ability to communicate key concepts clearly to an audience who have no specialised knowledge in the field
- Competence in dealing with the challenge of peers' questions.

The judges will meet immediately after the presentations have been made, and their decision will be made by awarding points to each candidate comprising:

Scientific merit (based on oral presentation)	50%
Standard of presentation and communication	40%
Responses to questions	10%

The judges decision will be communicated to the Presidents of the Associations and the winner of the Award will be announced at the Conference Dinner.

To be considered for a New Investigator Award please mark the On-Line Abstract Submission Form appropriately