

IFEA Research grant 2012

Report from the IFEA research committee

Applications:

The IFEA research grant was advertized on the IFEA web site (permanent presence) and via all national member societies by e-mails. Five applications were sent in before the extended dead line which was February 15 2013. The applicants for the grant (in alphabetic order) were:

Gabriela Martin Argentina

Project title: The antibacterial effect of IPI and QMiX final rinse sonically activated on *Enterococcus faecalis* in root canals instrumented with two different systems: an in vitro study.

Xenos Petridis Greece

Project title: Evaluation of dental pulp cells/ hyaluronic-based scaffold biocomplexes in bone repair.

Jonathan Race Australia

Project title: The efficacy of diode laser energised irrigating solution or calcium hydroxide medicament on eradicating a mixed biofilm in the mesial roots of human mandibular molars.

Giorgos Tzanetakis Greece

Project title: Pyrosequencing analysis of primary and persistent endodontic infections in a Greek population.

Agapi Zervaki Greece

Project title: Comparative evaluation of the sealing ability of 3 different obturation methods (lateral condensation, Thermafil, System B) in severely curved root canals.

Process:

IFEA research committee members are:

Gary Cheung	Hong Kong
Gustavo De-Deus	Brazil
Alan Gluskin	USA
Robert Love	New Zealand
Stéphane Simon	France

The committee members are all widely recognized scientists and endodontists from different parts the world, in order to secure a fair representation of different geographic areas. The five committee members evaluated and ranked the applications independently and reported back to the committee chair (M. Haapasalo), dead line given was May 15, 2013.

The committee regarded the growth in the number of applications and the spread over three continents as a positive development.

Result:

All five committee members ranked the proposal by Dr. Xenos Petridis ("*Evaluation of dental pulp cells/hyaluronic-based scaffold biocomplexes in bone repair*") as the number one application.

Recommendation:

As the chair of the IFEA research committee I recommend that the 2012/2013 IFEA research grant is awarded to the project by Dr. Xenos Petridis.

Vancouver, May 20th 2013 Markus Haapasalo

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Markus Haapasalo', written in a cursive style.

As a separate motion, I respectfully suggest that the IFEA general assembly consider a possibility to increase the award sum from 4000 USD to 6000 - 8000 USD and awarding two applications instead of one. This might have a positive effect to further increase the interest in the IFEA grant and also in IFEA as an organization in general.

Markus Haapasalo, research committee chair.