

Joseph D. Maggio
President, IFEA

Dear Dr. Maggio,

Recommendation:

Please find enclosed the recommendation by the IFEA research committee for the IFEA research grants 2010/11 and 2011/12.

2010/2011: Dr. Rada Haddadin (ranked nr.1 by 4 of 5 committee members).

2011/2012: Dr. Annie Shrestha (only application, supported by all 5 committee members due to its high quality).

I agree with the ranking proposed by the committee and propose that the 4000 USD grants will be given to the applicants as suggested above. The reviewer statements are usually confidential, therefore I do not include them as part of my main report. However, I enclose a partly anonymised summary of the reports for the IFEA president Dr. Maggio and IFEA secretary Dr. Kim for archiving.

Report of Research committee work:

The following individuals were invited to be members of the IFEA research grant committee:

Dr. Alan Gluskin, USA
Dr. Gustavo De-Deus, Brazil
Dr. Robert Love, New Zealand
Dr. Gary Cheung, Hong Kong (China)
Dr. Stephane Simon, France

All invited researchers accepted the invitation and have independently ranked the applications and given their specific comments. I believe we are lucky to have such prominent figures from around the world to support the IFEA research program with their expertise. However, if the IFEA board wishes to further expand the group by suggesting other, new members to further increase the spread of the group, I am happy to discuss and accommodate such requests.

As is obvious, there was a considerable delay in the examination and ranking of the research grants for 2010/2011 (the applicants have been informed). This is solely caused by my own difficulty to get into this matter quickly enough for various reasons. All other

people involved have done their tasks quickly and responded in due time as requested. However, now that the system is up and running, with such high quality group of five external reviewers, I suggest that we continue as business as usual, I do not expect such delays to occur anymore in the future.

Suggestion for future:

I suggest that we advertise the IFEA 2012/2013 grant after summer in the Journal of Endodontics and the International Endodontic Journal (pending their willingness to publish the add free of charge for IFEA) with a dead line for the application end of year 2012 (December 31st, 2012). Secondly, I suggest that the official IFEA website is slightly modified so that the topic "**Annual IFEA Research Grant**" is added to the menu, either as its own title in the main menu bar, or e.g. under the menu title "News & Events". In the journal add we could then refer to our web site for details, which are too many to include in the journal add. Thirdly, I suggest the IFEA board to consider a possibility to send group e-mail to IFEA members or IFEA related institutes with information about the grant each September. However, this last option does require some kind of IFEA database, which can be used (is allowed) for such purposes (group e-mail).

Vancouver, April 16th, 2012 Markus Haapasalo



Encl. - Confidential summary of reviewer statements