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Criteria for ISMPP Research Grant for the Advancement of Standards in the Medical Publication Profession

1. Overview

ISMPP is offering two grants of \$5000 each to support research that raises awareness and standards in the medical publication profession. ISMPP is interested in original research that uses rigorous methodology such as prospective studies, observational research, and literature analyses. Surveys involving responses from individuals or organizations will generally not be considered unless the study design is novel and represents the most appropriate methodology to address an important research question. Research topics should provide objective evidence that confirms, improves, or enhances standards or understanding of the medical publication profession, and may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Ethical publication practices and transparency of data dissemination
- b. Value and expertise of medical publication professionals
- c. Best practices that define or elevate the medical publication profession
- d. Education and/or advocacy that advances the medical publication profession
- e. Legal, regulatory, and/or publishing environments and their impact on the medical publication profession
- f. Perception of the medical publication profession by the external environment including the media
- g. Impact of professional development such as certifications and/or post-graduate education on advancement of the medical publication profession
- h. Benchmarking that defines regional and global practices in the medical publication profession and identification of opportunities for global standardization

2. Eligibility

- a. ISMPP member(s) in good standing since January 2011
- b. Grants will be awarded directly to the selected applicant(s). It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure he or she adheres to any conditions related to receipt of grants at the individual's place of employment
- c. If several ISMPP members collaborate on the research project, the principal investigator as indicated on the Request for Proposal will receive the grant

3. Application Process and Grant Timeline

- a. Grant applications using the Request for Proposal must be received through the ISMPP website by July 31, 2012

- b. The Request for Proposal must be completed in its entirety; incomplete applications will not be considered
- c. The grant recipient will be announced at the ISMPP European Meeting in January 2013 and showcased at the ISMPP Annual Meeting in April 2013
- c. Research must commence in 2013 and must be completed within 2 years of receiving the grant
- d. Research activities will be tied to the following milestones:
 - i. Submission of an abstract describing interim or final research results to the 2013 ISMPP Annual Meeting (submission deadline, January 2013)
 - ii. Presentation of interim or final research results at the ISMPP Annual Meeting in April 2013. Grant recipients will receive complimentary registration to attend the meeting
 - iii. Presentation of final research data at the ISMPP Annual Meeting in April 2014 (if interim data were presented at the 2013 meeting)
 - iv. Submission of a manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal within 6 months of final data presentation at the ISMPP Annual Meeting

4. Evaluation Criteria

Grant applications will be blinded to the name of applicants and their employers and evaluated by the ISMPP Grants and Research Committee using an objective scoring system. Final selection will be made by the ISMPP Board of Trustees. Evaluation criteria will include:

- a. Potential for the research to add to the professional body of knowledge and literature base regarding the medical publication profession
- b. Originality of the research proposal, strength of the research hypothesis, clarity of the study objectives, and quality of the research design
- c. Budget justification