

RULES FOR THE IAN WARD MEMBERS' PAPERS COMPETITION

AIM

To encourage high quality oral presentation of scientific data by LabMed North West Region members (up to Consultant Grade).

RULES

1. Entrants will be members of LabMed.
2. Eligibility for prizes will be confined to any grade up to but not including Consultant Grade.
3. Only one entry per first author is permitted.
4. The presenter must be the first author of the work and have made a substantive contribution to the reported results.
5. The presentation will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Substance and originality
 - b. Oral presentation e.g. diction, lucidity.
 - c. Use of audio visual aids
 - d. Response to questions.
 - e. Adherence to the allotted time.
 - f. Validity of the comments and conclusions.
6. All points in 5 above will be scored out of five and the marks summed by each judge; the panel will pool its marks and the winner will be the individual with the highest score.
7. There will be three judges nominated by the LabMed Regional Committee.
8. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions (i.e. 10 minutes talk + 5 minutes questions).
9. Two prizes will be awarded; one of £100 to the best overall talk, and one of £50 to the runner-up
10. If the meeting is over-subscribed with entries, the judging panel will select those abstracts with the highest quality of substance and originality for oral presentation.

Members papers rules 2025