Armidale Animal Breeding Trust

Scholarships for 2004: ISAG, Tokyo, Japan, September 2004

Research in animal breeding in Armidale is carried out at three organisations, namely Animal Science in the School of Rural Science and Agriculture of the University of New England, the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit, a joint institute of New South Wales Agriculture and the University of New England, and in the C.S.I.R.O. Division of Livestock Industries at the F.D. McMaster Laboratory at Chiswick. These three institutions cooperated in organising the Sixth World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production in Armidale in 1998. Proceeds from this conference have been donated to the Armidale Animal Breeding Trust (AABT).

The AABT aims to support the pursuit of excellence in research and technology in animal breeding in Armidale, and to enhance Armidale’s reputation as a centre of excellence for animal breeding research.

Participation in international conferences forms an important part in the development of young scientists, and presentation of first class research papers plays an essential role in developing and maintaining a high scientific reputation. The AABT assists young researchers to attend such conferences through scholarships.

Beneficiaries of the trust are members of the three institutions listed above, but exclude any members of the Organising Committee of the Sixth World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production.

The eligible conference for 2004 is the XXIXth International Conference on Animal Genetics (29 ISAG) September 11-16, 2004, Surugadai Campus, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan. http://www2.kobe-u.ac.jp/~isag2004/

Applications for scholarships are now invited.

1. Eligibility.
Applicants should be full-time postgraduate students or junior researchers
- who are based at or associated with one of the three participating institutions (see above), and
- who have submitted a paper for presentation at the 29 ISAG and for which they are the senior author. The paper should have one of the three Armidale institutions as affiliation.
- who have not received a AABT scholarship on a previous occasion. (Note also that recipients of the current award will not be eligible for AABT awards in the future.)
2. Scholarships.
Scholarships are awarded to cover travel to and from the conference, accommodation and conference fees. This includes:
- The cost of the cheapest available economy return air/surface travel from Armidale to Tokyo. For applicants who combine conference attendance with other (scientific) activities during the same trip, e.g. visits to other research organisations, a portion of the travel cost may be awarded.
- The conference registration cost (A$ 315 for students)
- Cost of ‘budget’ accommodation during the congress (about A$50/day)
- In special cases, a subsidy towards additional expenses.

3. Applications.
Applications should consist of
- A copy of the abstract to be presented
- Either a 4 page paper (WCGALP or AAABG format) or a final/submitted draft of a full paper on the topic to be presented
- A detailed itinerary and budget.

Applicants with other sources of funding available (e.g. students ‘operating budgets’) should specify amounts to be covered from these sources, and the minimum funding required from the AABT to make their trip feasible. Applicants are required to also apply for ISAG scholarships, which are available for young scientists as well as for young Asian scientists (see the ISAG website).

Applicants with an extended trip should provide information about the remainder of their itinerary and travel cost and clearly specify the expenditure that is attributable to items that are eligible for AABT sponsorship. A report will be required upon return, detailing expenditure, and the merit of the conference to the young scientist.

4. Selection Criteria. The number of scholarships awarded will be limited. Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of
- Scientific excellence of the paper submitted.
- Appropriateness of the budget and funding requested.

Awards will be made attempting to maximise benefits from the funds available to the Armidale animal breeding community as a whole while maintaining balance in benefits to the three individual institutions.

5. Closing date. Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, 2 April, 2004, 4p.m.; Applications should be forwarded to Dr. Julius van der Werf, Animal Science, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351. You will be notified by about mid April 2004. For further information contact Dr. Julius van der Werf (julius.vanderwerf@une.edu.au)