



IFPA is an international scientific organization coordinating the activities of the existing regional placental research associations.

Its purposes comprise the following:

- to support the regional placental associations;
- to facilitate multidisciplinary study and discussion of all aspects of placental research;
- to coordinate dates, locations, and subjects for regional and international placenta meetings to be organized by the regional placental associations;
- to provide a formal association that could communicate with governments, bodies, grant institutions, and private organizations;
- to provide a scientific organization to which *Placenta* and *Trophoblast Research* can be associated and be both editorially as well as scientifically answerable.

For current IFPA information, membership application, future meetings and publications, see the IFPA web site:

<http://www.ifpa.epineux.com>

## IFPA Awards

In order to foster, promote and reward excellent research in placentology, IFPA, with the generous contributions of various donors and organisations, sponsors a number of Awards. These range from those acknowledging the work of young investigators in the field right through to acknowledgement of the major contribution by senior investigators.

### The Y.W. Loke New Investigator Travel Awards

These awards are towards travel and meeting expenses. The awards are based on a review of abstracts submitted for an IFPA-designated meeting. Candidates must be scientists in training (see Terms of Reference).

**National Institutes of Health New Investigator Travel Awards.** These travel awards are to enable US-based new investigators in any aspect of placental research to attend the annual meetings of IFPA. New investigators are defined as scientists in training (see Terms of Reference). The awards are based on a review of abstracts submitted for an IFPA-designated Meeting.

**The EPG Peter Kaufmann Award.** This award acknowledges an outstanding contribution by a scientist in training (see Terms of Reference) based upon a poster or podium presentation that incorporates any morphological method that is critical for data interpretation. The next award will be in 2020.

**The Elsevier Placenta New Investigator Award.** This award acknowledges an outstanding contribution by a scientist in training based upon a podium presentation at an IFPA-designated meeting.

**The Elsevier Trophoblast Research Award.** This award recognizes an outstanding contribution by a scientist in training based upon a poster presentation at an IFPA-designated meeting. The award provides for a special podium research presentation by the scientist at the next IFPA meeting.

**National Institutes of Health Lecturer.** This award sponsors an established US investigator to attend the annual IFPA meeting and give a state-of-the-art plenary lecture.

**The Gábor Than Foundation Award in Placentology: Call for Nominations.** The next award will be presented at the IFPA meeting to be held in Amsterdam, 2020. This award acknowledges outstanding contributions of early career researchers to the field of placentology in all its aspects, including the relationship with fetus and mother. Nominees should be within 10 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree and be nominated by established senior scientists. The awardee will be invited to give a lecture during a plenary session of the 2020 IFPA meeting and must be present to receive the award. Nominations should be emailed by March 15, 2020 to Dr. Padma Murthi, E-mail: [padma.murthi@monash.edu](mailto:padma.murthi@monash.edu).

**The IFPA Senior Award In Placentology:** This award acknowledges outstanding, long-term contributions to the field of placentology. It is intended to recognize the work of established senior scientists who have led placental research groups for more than 20 years. Awardees may also be able to demonstrate a commitment to teaching of reproduction/placenta, to the development of younger placental researchers and/or the communication of placental research to the public. Candidates should be proposed by at least three individuals. The awardee will be invited to give a lecture during a plenary session of the 2020 IFPA meeting and must be present to receive

the award. Nominations should be emailed by March 15, 2020 to Dr. Padma Murthi, E-mail: [padma.murthi@monash.edu](mailto:padma.murthi@monash.edu).

**The IFPA Placentology Award.** This award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the field of placentology in all its aspects, including the relationship with fetus and mother. Nominees normally should be within 20 years of receiving their doctoral or senior degree. In exceptional cases the award can be split in half and given to two investigators. Established senior scientists, who are not potential candidates, may propose candidates. The "IFPA Award" will be presented every two years at an IFPA designated meeting and the award consists of US \$2000; the awardee will also receive registration and accommodation at the next meeting (to be funded by the organizer of the following year's meeting). The awardee will be invited to present a lecture during a plenary session of the 2021 IFPA meeting to be held in New Zealand and contribute to an article to the annual issue of *Trophoblast Research*. Nominations should be emailed by March 15, 2021 to Dr. Padma Murthi, E-mail: [padma.murthi@monash.edu](mailto:padma.murthi@monash.edu).

**Andrée Gruslin Award.** This award is named in honor of Dr. Andrée Gruslin, a maternal-fetal medicine specialist and researcher who, while battling breast cancer, continued not only her obstetrical service but also drove a well-known research program until her death in 2014. She spent her life researching placental health as a way of reducing risk from conditions such as preeclampsia and intrauterine growth restriction. This prize will be offered every year to an outstanding female mid-career investigator in the field of placenta or placental-related biology. In the absence of suitable candidates the award will not be given. The candidates can be nominated by others or can self-nominate. As a guide, candidates should be at the assistant/ associate professor level. The award comprises a prize of £2500 (donated by Elsevier) and an invitation to contribute an article to the annual issue of *Trophoblast Research* containing the invited reviews commissioned from the IFPA meeting that year. The article will be subject to normal peer review procedures. At the option of the IFPA meeting organizer, the award winner may be asked to present a lecture at the meeting that year. Nominations should be emailed by March 15, 2020 to Dr. Padma Murthi, E-mail: [padma.murthi@monash.edu](mailto:padma.murthi@monash.edu).

**Placenta Best Paper Prize:** In addition, the Placenta Best Paper Prize will be awarded for the best Original Article published by a researcher as their first author paper in *Placenta*. This is an Elsevier sponsored prize with a financial reward. The winner will be announced at the IFPA meeting. To be eligible the author must not have been the first author on an Original Contribution in *Placenta*.

**Placenta Best Reviewer Certificate:** This certificate is to recognize the contributions of reviewers who provides their best assessment of manuscripts submitted to *Placenta* within 14 days of request to review on its suitability for publication in *Placenta*.

Terms of reference for all awards can be found at the IFPA web site: <http://www.ifpa.epineux.com>

**Congratulations to...**

## Elsevier Placenta New Investigator Award

**RUNNERS-UP** Mike Guernsey, Stanford University, USA.

**WINNER** Lisa Vrooman, University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, USA.



**Congratulations to...**

## Elsevier Trophoblast Research NI Award

**RUNNERS-UP** Dr Giulia Del Gobbo, University of  
British Columbia, Canada.

**WINNER** Dr Mancy Tong, Yale University, USA.



**Congratulations to...**  
**Placenta Best Paper Award Winner**  
**Kanaga Arul Nambi Rajan**



Sirtuin1 is required for proper trophoblast differentiation and placental development in mice

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**Congratulations to...**  
**Placenta Best Reviewer Certificate Winners**

**Leslie Myatt, PhD**

Oregon Health and Science University, USA

**Martha Tissot van Patot, PhD**

University of Colorado (former), USA

**Kazuyoshi Hashizume, PhD, DVM**

Iwate University, Japan

**Rohan Lewis, PhD**

University of Southampton, UK

**W. Tony Parks, MD**

University of Toronto, Canada



**Start planning next IFPA Meeting!**



IFPA 2019 will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 10 to 13 September, 2019

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**September 2-5, 2020**

**Theme: Next generation of placental research**

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September 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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