

Bowman Club: Corneal Fellow's Prize

The process for the selection of the Corneal Fellow's Prize for the Bowman club is as follows.

Bowman Club members are invited to ask their Corneal Fellows if they wish to submit an abstract.

Format. Abstracts must not be longer than 250 words and adhere to the following format.

Title:

Authors (include the corresponding author and email address):

Institution(s):

Purpose:

Methods:

Results:

Conclusion:

Selection process

Submitted abstracts will be scored by a selection committee comprising Frank Larkin, Stephen Kaye, and Francisco C Figueiredo. If any of Frank Larkin, Stephen Kaye, and Francisco C Figueiredo are involved in the abstract (study) they will not score the respective abstract. If either of or all Frank Larkin, Stephen Kaye, and Francisco C Figueiredo are not available, then a member(s) of The Bowman Club hosting the event will score the abstracts. At least two scores are required per abstract.

Scoring system for abstracts submitted to the Bowman Club. Each of the following sections of the abstract will be scored from 0 to 2.5: poor(0), average (1), good (2) and excellent (2.5). The maximum score is 10.

- **Purpose.** Is the purpose clearly stated and is it original? Is there a stated research question and or an hypothesis?
- **Methods.** Is the design of the study stated and does it address the purpose (research question or hypothesis)? Are the methods appropriate to deliver the objectives of the study? Are there defined control groups?
- **Results.** Has the data been appropriately analysed? Do the results address the purpose of the study?
- **Conclusions.** Are the conclusions supported by the results? Do the conclusions add significantly to the literature?

Up to four of the best abstracts but not less than three will be selected for presentation at the Bowman Club meeting. The number selected will depend on available time period in the meeting and also on the quality of the abstracts. They must be of a sufficient standard and have a total score of at least 6 out of 10. Those selected will appear in the programme.

The Corneal Fellows selected to present will have free Bowman Club registration.

Following presentation of the selected abstracts, Bowman Club members attending the meeting will vote either electronically or if not available then by a show of hands for the best Corneal Fellow's presentation.

All of the Fellows selected to present will receive a certificate. The winner will receive a prize of £250.00.

All of the selected abstracts will be published along with proceedings of the meeting in BMJ Open Ophthalmology.