

Call for 2010 Submissions:

Immunoematology Education Fund



Award for Career Development in Transfusion Medicine



You are invited to enter a competition

- Award includes:
- One year membership in the AABB
 - Attendance at 2010 AABB Annual Meeting (includes cost of registration, travel, hotel & meals)
- For information about AABB Annual Meeting: www.aabb.org

Eligibility: Medical technologists working in area hospitals served by New York Blood Center

Deadline for submissions: May 31, 2010

Award to be presented at Immunoematology Education Seminar in November of 2010

Please encourage your technologists to compete for the award and mentor them through the process.

For more information and to apply, go to www.nybloodcenter.org, click "Education", then "Education Fund"

Awardee for 2009: Shatrina Dael

The Immunoematology Education Fund is a tribute to two outstanding professionals in the field of immunoematology, each of whom had worked at the New York Blood Center (NYBC) for over 30 years. The Immunoematology Education Fund has been established in their memory to honor their lives and to inspire medical technologists to follow their examples.

Ragnhild (Rock) Øyen



Rock, as she was affectionately known, had no formal training as a medical technologist, but gained enormous knowledge and became a respected immunoematologist with numerous publications. She trained many technologists and physicians. Rock's advice was sought locally and nationally. Rock retired in 2002.

Carol Johnson



Carol started her career as an immunoematologist and then moved to Professional Education. She was an outstanding educator in Immunoematology, published extensively and taught many technologists and physicians. She helped build the NYBC Transfusion Medicine Fellowship into one of the premier programs in the U.S.

Immunohematology Education Fund Competition Information & Guidelines

Education Fund competition

- Grand Prize: Education Fund Award
 - Membership to AABB for 1 year and sponsorship to attend AABB annual meeting
 - Certificate of Achievement
 - Opportunity to present work at an appropriate forum
- Runner-up prize:
 - Certificate of Achievement
 - 1-year membership of AABB or registration fee for a local or regional meeting (BBANYS, HBBSANY) or a transfusion medicine textbook

Eligibility for competition

Non-supervisory medical technologists, working in hospitals in the Greater New York Region serviced by the New York Blood Center, and who are interested in gaining knowledge in transfusion medicine and career development.

Deadline for applications

May 31st, 2010.

Application requirements

- Complete *Immunohematology Education Fund Form* or give information on a separate sheet:
 - Title of your written report.
 - Your first and last names; job title; address; telephone number; and e-mail address.
 - Copy of current CV or resume.
 - Indicate whether you are a member of the AABB.
 - Indicate whether you have ever attended an AABB meeting. If you have, how many?
 - If you are selected, would you like a 'meeting mentor/buddy', and if so, what qualities would you like that person to have?
- Choose one of the following
 - Write a review of an aspect of transfusion medicine (e.g., blood group antigens/antibodies, patient safety) (use *Transfusion* format, for information see <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/transfusion>).
 - Do a project and write a summary (use *Transfusion* format).
 - Write a case study with emphasis on the educational aspects (see instructions below).
 - Write a critique of a transfusion medicine-related paper published in a peer-reviewed journal in the last 2 years.
- Guidelines:
 - Include the title of your report but no indication of your identity
 - Line spacing 1.5

- Margins 1 inch top, bottom and sides
- Print 2-sides of the paper
- Font Times Roman 12 or Arial 11
- Page limit 6 pages, unless a word limit is given
- You may receive some ideas and guidance from peers, supervisors, literature, or other sources. However, writing, final editing, and revisions of the report must be yours.
- Any references used should be cited, using the *Transfusion* format, at the end of the report
- Edit and proofread carefully
- Specific guidelines for writing a Case Study
 - Case History
 - Provide patient's diagnosis, age, ethnicity, transfusion and/or medication history, hemoglobin/hematocrit and any other useful information pertaining to patient's medical condition.
 - Provide blood bank's findings in testing for ABO, D, antibody screening, and direct antiglobulin test (DAT).
 - Provide blood bank's findings in the initial antibody investigation and/or previously identified or suspected antibodies.
 - Blood Bank or Immunohematology Laboratory Findings
 - Describe patient samples received (quantity/type) and their condition.
 - Describe (in detail) initial laboratory findings in the DAT, antigen typings, and plasma/serum testing with RBC panels. Include panel antigrams, techniques used, and strength of reactions.
 - Describe accurately and logically, additional testing that you recommend be performed.
 - Additional Testing
 - Describe in detail additional testing undertaken.
 - Give explanations for the additional testing performed.
 - Provide panel antigrams or tables detailing additional results.
 - Describe your additional findings and ultimately, give final interpretation of laboratory findings (e.g., antibody specificity/ies).
 - Discussion
 - Discuss in detail your findings and their significance. This may include facts on the antigen/antibody involved and/or their background and history.
 - Detail possible transfusion management of the patient based on the laboratory findings.
 - Cite all references for information given in discussion where needed.
- Send applications to Vivien Powell, Professional Education, NYBC, 310 E 67th Street, New York, NY 10065 or electronically to vpowell@nybloodcenter.org with "Immunohematology Education Fund" in the 'Subject' line.

Announcement of winners

Winners will be informed before July 15, 2010.