



CRC-Clinical Cyberpsychology New Investigator Award for a presentation of outstanding research quality

Attribution Guidelines

The aim of this prize is to reward the presentation of strong methodological studies at the Cybertherapy conference. The recipient has to be a researcher who is new to the field of cyberpsychology. It is open to both oral / symposium or poster presentations and to researchers from all countries and disciplines.

The award is delivered by Stéphane Bouchard, chairholder of the Canada Research Chair in Clinical Cyberpsychology. It includes a certificate and a check of 1 000 \$ US.

Rules of attributions:

The first criterion to assess the submissions is the scientific merit of the study. Rigorous designs, reliable measurements, adequate sample sizes, appropriate statistical analyses and strong control conditions are all significant assets. The scientific quality of the content of the presentation will also contribute (i.e., clear and replicable descriptions of the methodology), but not the graphic quality of the presentation (e.g., images or videos).

The recipient must be the first author of the presentation, have the oral / poster accepted for the conference, submit the presentation in time for the award (June 6th 2008), pay the registration dues and personally attend to the conference. His or her intellectual contribution must be significant (e.g., not the main results of a funded study planned and conducted by a senior researcher in the field but presented at the conference by a student). In case of doubt, please explain the situation in writing when submitting your presentation to the award.

A new investigator in the field is defined by meeting one the criteria below. The applicant must state in writing which criteria are met when sending the submission:

- currently a university student;
- currently a post-doc researcher;
- currently an autonomous researcher but not having published as first author more than five peer-reviewed papers on VR or cyberpsychology since the end of the Ph.D. or the post-doc;
- currently an autonomous researcher but not having received more than two major research grants on VR or cyberpsychology.

The content of the presentation must be submitted no later than two weeks ahead of the conference (June 6th 2008) to stephane.bouchard@uqo.ca. Evaluation of the submissions will be conducted during the days prior to the conference, based only on this document. The recipient will be informed publicly during the conference.

All reviews will be made by Stéphane Bouchard, excepted for presentations involving collaborators to the Chair (e.g., students, co-investigators). The best submissions will be selected

and ranked-ordered by Stéphane Bouchard according to their scientific merit. Submission from collaborators to the Chair will be reviewed by an independent reviewer (this year, Brenda Wiederhold), compared to those rank-ordered and placed accordingly in the ranks. To maximise impartiality, the decision of the independent reviewer will be final.

Checklist for submitting a presentation to the CRC-Clinical Cyberpsychology New Investigator Award

When you submit your presentation, make sure to:

- send your application two weeks prior to the convention;
- state that your oral / poster has been accepted to be presented to the conference;
- state that you made a significant intellectual contribution to the study;
- state that the study was approved by a research ethics board or committee;
- state which definition of *new investigator in the field of VR* applies to you;
- state any conflict of interest with the chairholder (Stéphane Bouchard) that would justify an independent evaluation;
- send a copy of your powerpoint presentation to stephane.bouchard@uqo.ca. If the powerpoint file is too large to be sent by e-mail, send a paper copy (one slide per page) by FAX (819-595-2250) or by mail (Stephane Bouchard, Dept. of psychoeducation and psychology, Université du Québec en Outaouais, PO Box 1250 Station Hull, Gatineau, (Qc), J8X 3X7 Canada). Do not send additional information (e.g., submitted paper, proceedings, vitae, etc.).

If you have any question about this award, please contact Stéphane Bouchard by e-mail or by phone (819-595-3900-ext. 2360).

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