2011 *Bioanalysis* Young Investigator Award

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Following the excellent response to the *Bioanalysis* Young Investigator feature in 2010 from bioanalysts around the world [1,101] we are delighted to announce that the 2011 *Bioanalysis* Young Investigator award is to be sponsored by Waters Corporation. Alongside a 1-year print and online subscription to *Bioanalysis*, the winner of the 2011 *Bioanalysis* Young Investigator Award will be presented with a US\$1000 prize from Waters Corporation and a travel fund will be available to assist with travel to the award ceremony.

Since the launch of *Bioanalysis* in April 2009, the journal has included a regular Young Investigator feature to highlight the development and talents of the youngest generation in this field. The profiles of international bioanalysts are featured in the journal, nominated by their supervisors, and a winner is selected at the end of the year based on votes cast by the editorial advisory panel. Each Young Investigator is given the opportunity to highlight their bioanalytical work to date, discuss their future career aspirations and give their thoughts on the future evolution of the field of bioanalysis.

Young bioanalysts represent the future of this science and there are very few venues to demonstrate their skills and potential. As Senior Editor Brian Booth explained, "The purpose of this award is to stimulate these young people and provide some recognition of their efforts." Indeed, for a young scientist, being recognized for your hard work in an international journal at such an early stage in your career is a tremendous honor and, as the 2010 winner Stephen Holman commented, "The award will provide a significant boost" [101] to their CVs.

Waters has a rich history of working closely with the bioanalytical scientific community, and as Kelly Johnson (Waters Corporation) explained, "We have seen great changes in the consideration of analytical, regulatory and business requirements in this dynamic discipline. As the bioanalytical laboratory progresses, so too does the need for progressive thinkers to bring innovative new ideas and

solutions for the next challenges. In delivering next-generation analytical solutions and services to up-and-coming names in bioanalysis, Waters is excited to sponsor this Award, and support the scientific advancement of emerging future scientists."

Bioanalysis US Senior Editor Brian Booth stated that, "The Young Investigator award provides important professional recognition of aspiring young scientists; it also serves the industry as well, by helping identify who in this next generation of scientists to watch. And it applies not only to the winners, but all of those who participated [1]."

Howard Hill (*Bioanalysis* European Senior Editor) highlighted the importance of the *Bioanalysis* Young Investigator Award in the current climate: "These are difficult times for young (future) scientists. The 'job for life' has disappeared as quickly as the big pharmaceutical companies have merged (and downsized). In their place numerous 'spin outs' have arisen, providing young scientists with opportunities to practice their science in a rapidly developing, albeit pressured, environment. The second pressure is change in the science. This is developing at such a rate with new technologies arising on a regular basis and the focus of 'favored' sciences changes just as rapidly. It is therefore important to maximize the use of those research opportunities; hopefully the *Bioanalysis* Young Investigator award will stimulate and recognize these efforts. Notwithstanding these difficulties it is an exciting time to be in science – so make the most of it. Flexibility is the essence of survival."

Bioanalysis is now accepting nominations for Young Investigators for 2011 and we would like to encourage you to nominate any rising bioanalytical stars from your laboratory for the award. They should be early career researchers, including Masters and Doctorate students, Postdoctorate researchers and those working in industry. The closing date for nominations is 31 May 2011.

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Each issue of *Bioanalysis* features a Young Investigator profile, where young bioanalysts have the opportunity to describe their work and future aspirations. At the end of each year a winner will be selected by the editorial advisory board and will be presented with a \$1000 award, sponsored by Waters. A travel fund is provided by Waters to assist with the cost of travel to the award ceremony.

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If you wish to nominate a Young Investigator, please contact the Editor for more details.

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