



The Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases (SSI) Sponsor Awards 2009

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The recipients of the Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases Sponsor Award 2009 are:

Thierry Roger in the category "Basic Research" for his work entitled: "Protection from lethal Gram-negative bacterial sepsis by targeting Toll-like receptor 4" published in February, 2009 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA, co-authored by Thierry Roger, Céline Froidevaux, Didier Le Roy, Marlies Knaup Reymond, Anne-Laure Chanson, Davide Mauri, Kim Burns, Beat Michel Riederer, Shizuo Akira, and Thierry Calandra, from the Infectious Diseases Service, Department of Medicine, CHUV and University of Lausanne, in shared authorship with Osaka University, Japan.

Dominik Mertz in the category "Epidemiological Research" for his work entitled: "Exclusive Staphylococcus aureus throat carriage. At risk populations" published in January, 2009 in the Archives of Internal Medicine, co-authored by Dominik Mertz, Reno Frei, Nadine Periat, Melanie Zimmerli, Manuel Battegay, Ursula Flückiger, Andreas F. Widmer from the Division of Infectious Diseases and Hospital Epidemiology, University Hospital Basel.

Nina Khanna in the category "Clinical Research" for her work consisting of 2 publications entitled "Incidence and Outcome of Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy in 20 years of the Swiss HIV Cohort Study" and "JCV-Specific Immune Responses in HIV-1 Patients with Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy: A Nested Case Control Study of the Swiss HIV Cohort" accepted for publication in the Journal of Clinical Infectious Diseases and the Journal of Virology, respectively in January, 2009, authored by Nina Khanna, Luigia Elzi, Nicolas J. Mueller, Christian Garzoni, Matthias Cavassini, Christoph A. Fux, Pietro Vernazza, Enos Bernasconi, Manuel Battegay, Marcel Wolbers, Nicolas J. Mueller, Christian Garzoni, Renaud A. Du Pasquier, Pietro Vernazza, Raphael Viscidi, and Hans H. Hirsch for the Swiss HIV Cohort Study

The awardees will present their work at the prize ceremony with a slide presentation of 10 minutes followed by 2-3 minutes for discussion. The ceremony will take place during the Joint Annual Congress of the Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases / Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology, Centre International des Conférences de Geneve (CICG), 15, rue Varembe, CH-1202 Geneva, 17:50-18:30, room 4.