



Institut Mérieux – Kenya Association of Clinical Pathologists Young Investigator Award - 2020

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a major public health issue worldwide. The Institut Mérieux and its entities have been committed for many years in the fight against AMR and improvement of antibiotic stewardship. In order to provide an incentive for promising young investigators working in the field of AMR, Institut Mérieux wishes to allocate several awards worldwide to researchers or clinicians at the beginning of their career in recognition of a major achievement having significant impact on the handling of AMR and more globally on infectious disease diagnostics. To maximize the visibility of such an award, and ensure proper selection of the candidates, Institut Mérieux relies on the expertise of well-established associations working in the field of AMR in each selected country.

Institut Mérieux is committed to supporting research on public health issues with worldwide relevance. In this context it created the Young Investigator Awards, a program dedicated to promising researchers and investigators from both high and low/middle income countries, with an initial focus on teams working on antimicrobial resistance, a major public health issue worldwide. Owing to its success, this program has been more recently broadened to other topics, like microbiota & nutrition, oncology or food safety.

Every year, prizes worth €10,000 are awarded to young clinicians or biologists with less than 15 years postdoctoral experience, who contributed to significant advances in public health priority areas. The candidates are spotted by local societies partnering with the Institute and its subsidiaries. These societies collaborate with the Institut Mérieux Scientific Council to shortlist the winners. The prize is given during the societies annual congress or any other visible event with national or regional outreach.

Since inception of the Young Investigators Awards in 2012, partnerships have been established with more than 30 societies from 25+ countries, and around 70 recipients have been awarded through this program.

Institut Mérieux and *Kenya Association of Clinical Pathologists* have decided to allocate in 2020 a joint Young Investigator Award of 10,000 €, that will be given to the laureate during *APECSA Congress in October 2020 (October 14th -17th 2020)*

Selection criteria

- Investigators/applicants are current members of *Kenya Association of Clinical Pathologists*





- Serving in a hospital or in a relevant research institution on a full time basis as a pathologist, infectious disease clinician, clinical or molecular microbiologist or epidemiologist.
- With less than 15 years of experience or less than 10 year of working experience in microbiology after their postgraduate qualification.
- Involved and made significant contribution to infectious disease diagnostics, AMR research and/or patient management with a national impact.
- Indicators of impact could be either publication(s) in prominent international journals and / or implementation of guidelines / protocols having led to significant improvements in the following areas.
 - Antimicrobial resistance control.
 - Development of new tools / approach in controlling antimicrobial resistance.
 - Adoption of an innovative approach in patient management for controlling antimicrobial resistance.
 - Any actions having led to improved control / reduction of hospital acquired infection rate.

Selection process and Conditions.

- Applications for the award should reach *Kenya Association of Clinical Pathologists* on or before *September 30th 2020*.
- For the award, please submit the following through email to abstracts@kacp.co.ke (cc info@mmskenya.co.ke, jonathan.wawire@aku.edu)
 - Full name of nominee and contact information (email address and cellphone number)
 - A brief CV of Nominee (3 pages maximum) detailing the professional history of the nominee, including a list of maximum 15 publications.
 - Two pages description of research and / or clinical projects the young researcher have performed which could be considered for the award. Attaching substantiating evidence such as publication of the nominees work is encouraged.
 - Three pages description of ongoing and future research undertaken by the applicant in the field of AMR and/or infectious disease diagnostics
 - A recommendation letter from the host institution where the nominee is working at the time of application.
- Members of scientific council of *KACP* will assess the applications and will choose two to three suitable applications, which will be forwarded to the scientific board of Institut Mérieux with their recommendations





for the selection of the laureate. The Institut Mérieux keeps the possibility not to allocate any award if none of the proposal is meeting minimum qualification for the award.

- Institut Mérieux will notify *KACP* the name of the laureate for the year 2020. *KACP* will organize an award ceremony during its annual congress to be held in *October 2020*.
- In order to receive the award money, which is not exceeding €10,000 (Euro Ten thousand), the institution hosting the laureate should engage an agreement with Institut Mérieux. The award money will be transferred only to the hosting institution of the laureate, and the institution will hold responsibility for proper utilization of the fund for research by the laureate.

