WAS-APC is excited to announce the Awards for this year’s major Conference in Malaysia. The theme for this year Asia Pacific Aquaculture (APA17) is ‘Transforming for Market Needs’. The student award structure has partly been brought into line with the WAS globally to ensure consistency. Additionally, WAS-APC will continue financing and awarding exceptional women within the field of aquaculture.

The three categories for Awards are:

- **Pre-conference Student Travel Awards** (judged on abstract) - Abstract/travel award 1st - $400 USD Abstract/travel award 2nd - $400 USD Abstract/travel award 3rd - $400 USD. The selection will be done based on the submitted abstract against the following criteria: format for submission, abstract title, abstract content, scientific and research value, application potential, scope, clarity.

- **Presentation/poster awards for Students** (judged during the conference) - Presentation 1st - $600 USD Presentation 2nd - $400 USD. Poster 1st - $600 USD Poster 2nd - $400 USD. The selection will be done against the following criteria: Scientific and research value, Management value and application potential, scope, verbal/audio-visual presentation, clarity and conciseness, stimulated intelligent discussion, abstract and title.

- **Travel Award for Women’s Participation**: 600$ for 2 women. The criteria and application process for the selection of the women awardee has been developed by Aquaculture without frontier and is communicated on another announcement specifically for this award.

The Student Awards proposed by WAS-APC are important matters to the whole aquaculture community because Students are building not only the future of our organisation but also the future of our industry globally. The number of WAS-APC members is increasing every year at a fast rate and therefore the Award Committee of the WAS-APC is taking this task of picking up young talents with great enthusiasm. All students submitting an abstract and presenting a poster or an oral presentation will be evaluated.
This year again, for the APA17, WAS-APC has arranged for Aquaculture without Frontiers (AwF) to facilitate the Travel Award for Women’s in return for a donation of USD 500. Here again WAS-APC is putting emphasis in supporting the development of the roles of women in aquaculture where, without a doubt women can strive and support the transformation of our industry.

Any general enquiries and questions about the Student Awards should be referred to Dr Guillaume Drillet, President-Elect of the WAS-APC and Chair of the Award committee – email: gdr@dhigroup.com
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We look forward to seeing you in Kuala Lumpur!

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