

WNAR Policy for Financial Support for Speakers from Lower & Middle Income Countries from other IBC Regions

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Goal:

To promote scientific exchanges between WNAR members with active members from the lower & middle income countries (LMIC) in other IBS regions.

Note: LMIC are listed here: <https://data.worldbank.org/income-level/low-and-middle-income?view=chart>

Policy:

1. For the non-IBC years, active IBS members from LMIC are encouraged to apply for the IBS Travel Award (<https://www.biometricsociety.org/meetings-events/meetings/travel-application/>). WNAR will provide all the necessary documents to support the applications.
2. For the IBC years, WNAR welcomes presenters (oral or poster), who are active members of IBS from LMIC, to present their research at the WNAR Annual Meeting. WNAR will waive the registration fee, give credit for one of the continuing education short courses offered in the annual meeting, and provide a free banquet ticket. WNAR will not be able to provide travel and lodging support.

Procedures:

1. For the non-IBC years, speakers who plan to apply for the IBS travel award should follow the instructions for the IBC application (<https://www.biometricsociety.org/meetings-events/meetings/travel-application/>). We encourage applicants to contact the Program Chair of the Annual Meeting for any assistance.
2. For the IBC years, speakers who would like to apply for financial support from WNAR for its annual meeting should submit an application to the Chair of Local Organizing Committee, with the following information
 - a. proof of current IBS status
 - b. country of residence
 - c. short CV
 - d. title and abstract of submitted talk
 - e. and financial sources for travel and lodging expenses.

The application deadline will be posted in the conference website. Once we receive the application, the conference organizing committee and program committee will jointly review the applications and select the number of awards for the year. The recipients will receive written notification before the conference registration deadline and a certificate of award at the banquet award ceremony.