



Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology (DMCN) Best Article by a BPNA Trainee Prize

Start date

The first award to be made at the BPNA Annual Meeting January 2023, and to replace all other Mac Keith Press prizes. Papers published in Volume 64 (2022 volume) are eligible.

Prize scope

Best original article, case series, review paper, or clinical practice guide published by a BPNA trainee or early career consultant in the DMCN volume published during the year prior to the BPNA annual conference. One author at least on the paper must be a BPNA trainee at the time of submission, and this can include a member of an author group.

- The BPNA author should be within two years of achieving their Certificate of Completion of Training (or equivalent).
- The BPNA author should have made a demonstrable contribution to the paper.
- The BPNA author may be based in any country.

Key Criteria

- Impact on the lives of patients, caregivers and their families.
- Methodological robustness.
- Novelty.

Prize amount:

£1000 will be awarded by Mac Keith Press to the BPNA prize winner (or if there are multiple BPNA trainees/early career consultants who are authors on the paper, shared between them as they agree), plus a Mac Keith Press certificate.

Presentation

To be presented by the Editor in Chief of DMCN, Professor Bernard Dan, during a plenary session at the Annual Conference (e.g. the Presidential Plenary). If the Editor in Chief cannot be present, the prize will be awarded by another representative from Mac Keith Press.

Selection Process

Any BPNA trainee member or early career consultant may nominate any of their papers at any point during the preceding calendar year by emailing admin@mackeith.co.uk with details of their nomination. Papers may be nominated at any time and will be considered for the prize relating to the volume in which the paper is ultimately published.

The Editor in Chief will review nominations throughout the year: once the December issue has been finalised, he will discuss the nominations with the DMCN BPNA Editorial Board representatives and the BPNA Chair, Research by the end of November. The BPNA will confirm the eligibility of the prize winner at the beginning of December, and they will be contacted by the BPNA, followed by Mac Keith Press later in December.

Both the BPNA and Mac Keith Press will promote the prize throughout the preceding year to encourage submissions.