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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

MCMR-SRZ-D

06 October 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR Directors, U.S. Army Dental Residency Programs

SUBJECT: Joseph L. Bernier Awards Competition

1. The Joseph L. Bernier Award Competition is sponsored by the U.S. Army Dental and Trauma Research Detachment (USADTRD). The competition is designed to encourage dental research in the U.S. Army Dental Corps by selecting the best scientific research papers written each year by Army dental residents.

2. AWARDS:

a. Two categories of awards will be given:

(1) Category 1: Those research projects done in conjunction with a Master of Science degree granting program. It is the intent and not the actual granting of the degree that distinguishes this category. It is anticipated that the resident completing these research projects will have received significant assistance from the faculty and staff of a university and/or the staff of a U.S. Army Department of Clinical Investigation during the development, execution and interpretation of results of the protocol.

(2) Category 2: All others. Literature reviews and case studies will be accepted in this category. The intention of this category is to reward well-done research where benefits of full laboratories and scientific support staff are not readily available. The Category 2 award has been reclassified as the Dennis Runyan Award.

b. The awards will be presented by the Chair, Bernier Awards Committee, USADTRD, at the annual Federal Services Dental Educators' Conference.

c. The Commander, USADTRD, will also encourage unit Commanders to award an Army Commendation Medal to the first place winners, and an Army Achievement Medal to the second place winners, in each category.

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3. **ELIGIBILITY:** The competition is open to all Army dental residents in programs of 1 year or longer, whether at government facilities or civilian schools. Entrants must be currently enrolled in a residency program or have graduated within the last year.

4. **ENTRIES:**

a. The research paper should report the results of an experimental study conducted by the resident during his or her training. The research may be clinical, epidemiologic, basic or applied science. Literature reviews and case studies will be accepted only in Category 2. The primary author (the dental resident) must have performed the bulk of the research.

b. Human- and animal-use research projects: Human-use: A copy of the Human Use Committee protocol approval sheet and a copy of a blank Human Use Committee approved consent form must be submitted with the entry. Animal-use: A copy of the Laboratory Animal Care and Use Committee protocol approval sheet must be submitted with the entry.

c. Papers are to be submitted to the Committee Chair, USADTRD, no earlier than 28 September 2010 and no later than 07 January 2011, at the following address:

LTC Richard L. Williams (Bernier Awards)
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d. A signed Bernier Award Entry Form (Appendix A) must accompany each entry. Entries with incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.

e. The paper should be in the format of a manuscript being submitted to a professional journal. See Appendices B and C.

f. The paper may follow specific requirements of any journal the resident selects. However, if the requirements of the selected journal do not include an abstract of the paper, an abstract must still be submitted for the Bernier Award Competition.

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g. The complete entry will consist of the following:

- (1) One original completed Bernier Award Entry Form (Appendix A)
- (2) Human- or animal-use approvals and approved human-use consent form, if applicable.
- (3) One copy of the manuscript (with one set of appropriately prepared figures, tables, and illustrations) in a scientific form that is ready for submission to a refereed journal, as detailed by Appendices B and C.

h. Authors' names should not appear on the title page, nor should other identifying information appear within the document proper.

5. JUDGING:

a. The Commander, USADTRD, will appoint a judging committee, consisting of at least three judges, each with extensive scientific experience.

b. Judging criteria: Papers will be scored on the basis of a point system (100 points maximum) as detailed in Appendices D and E.

6. SELECTION OF THE WINNING PAPERS: Each judge will rank the papers based on the numerical criteria listed above. The chair of the judging committee will tabulate the results from all judges and submit the top three papers, ranked according to their numerical score, to the Commander, USADTRD.



RICHARD L. WILLIAMS

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Deputy Commander, USADTRD and
Chair, Bernier Awards Committee