

## ERS Research Prizes 2006 for Dr Plouin-Gaudon and Dr Gevaert

At the opening ceremony of the 21<sup>st</sup> ERS -25<sup>th</sup> ISIAN congress in Tampere last June, the president of the society Prof. Metin Önerci presented the biannual ERS Research Prizes to Dr. Isabelle Plouin-Gaudon from Geneva and Dr. Philippe Gevaert from Gent.

Dr. Plouin-Gaudon was awarded the Basic Research Prize for her manuscript 'Intracellular sanctuary for *Staphylococcus aureus* in chronic rhinosinusitis', a study performed in cooperation with S. Clement, E. Huggler, C. Chaponnier, P. François, P. Vaudaux, D. Lew, J. Schrenzel, and J.S. Lacroix, all from Geneva.

Dr. Gevaert was awarded the Clinical Research Prize for his manuscript 'Nasal Interleukin-5 levels determine the response to anti-interleukin-5 treatment in nasal polyp patients' a study carried out in cooperation with D. Lang-Loidolt (Graz), A. Lackner (Graz), H. Stammberger (Graz), H. Staudinger (Kenilworth, NJ, USA) T. van Zele (Gent), G. Holtapplels (Gent), J. Tavernier (Gent), P. van Cauwenberge (Gent) and C. Bachert (Gent).

Awarding biannual ERS Research Prizes to young researchers was started at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary congress of the ERS in Amsterdam in 1988. This year there were 4 entries for the Basic Research Prize and 7 entries for the Clinical Research Prize. The jury consisted of 7 peers in Rhinology. They were asked to rate the various manuscripts as to the following aspects: originality, validity of methodology, quality of discussion, and quality of presentation (language, tables, figures). The over-all standard of the manuscripts was high. Nonetheless, there was a remarkable unanimity among the jury members about the ranking.



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