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IFOMT TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR RESEARCH AWARD

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Eligibility:

1. The recipient must be a manipulative physiotherapist / orthopaedic manual therapist.
2. The recipient must be the principal researcher of a paper published in a refereed journal. Preference to be given to works published in a peer reviewed journal. Documentation supporting the role of the applicant as the principal researcher is required.
3. Paper to be relevant to orthopaedic / manual therapy practice, as defined by IFOMT.
4. Paper to be first published within the 4 year period preceding the International IFOMT Conference at which the award is presented.
5. The recipient must be a member of an IFOMT Member Organisation.

Selection Criteria:

1. The paper must make a significant contribution to either:
 - (i) Clinical practice of manipulative / manual therapy
 - (ii) The base of scientific knowledge supporting the mechanisms, or efficacy, of manipulative / manual therapy.
2. The recipient to be selected by a judging panel, comprising the IFOMT Executive, in conjunction with the IFOMT Educational Standards Committee. The committee may co-opt specific persons at its discretion to assist in the judging process. Members of either committee are eligible to present papers for consideration but must be excluded from the judging process if they choose to submit.
3. IFOMT reserves the right not to make an award if there are no suitable applications.

The Award, named 'David Lamb Memorial Award':

- This award will be made once every 4 years.
- The recipient shall receive:
 - US \$1000.00 without obligation
 - A Certificate of the Award
 - An invitation to present the research in a 40 minute time slot in the plenary session at the next IFOMT Congress.
 - A free Congress Registration and one ticket to attend the Congress Banquet.
 - The presentation can be made 'in absentia'.