

Announcement

The Adam Smith Award

'The savage nations of hunters and fishers... are so miserably poor, that only from mere want, they are frequently reduced or, at least, they think themselves reduced, to the necessity sometimes of directly destroying, and sometimes of abandoning their infants, their old people and those afflicted with lingering diseases to perish with hunger or to be devoured by wild beasts' (Adam Smith, *The Wealth of the Nations*, 1776).

The new *Adam Smith Award* has been founded to stimulate research and support excellence in the field of mental health policy and economics research. This Award of \$2,500USD, established by the *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, is made possible by the support of the International Center of Mental Health Policy and Economics and John Wiley & Sons. The inaugural Award will be presented during the 'Sixth Workshop on Costs and Assessment in Psychiatry – Mental Health Policy and Economics – The Value of Research', March 28–30, 2003, in Venice, Italy.

The ASA will be awarded on the basis of scientific merit to the author(s) of one article published in *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics* during the years 2001 and 2002. The Award will be made on an article of exceptional research value in the development of the interdisciplinary field of mental health policy and economics. All articles accepted by and published in the Journal during that time are eligible for consideration. Publications in the Journal during this time will be judged retrospectively by the Associate Editors of the Journal.

In addition, two 'Excellence in Mental Health Policy and Economics Awards', have been established, each in the amount of \$1,000USD. These Awards will be given to two articles of exceptional quality and will be judged retrospectively by the Associate Editors of the Journal. Presentation of these Awards will also be made at the 'Sixth Workshop on Costs and Assessment in Psychiatry – Mental Health Policy and Economics – The Value of Research', to be held on March 28–30, 2003 in Venice, Italy.

These ASA and the Excellence in Mental Health Policy and Economics Awards will be conferred to the author(s) of chosen articles on the basis of their significant contributions to the field of mental health policy and economics.

Finally, a third award has been established: the 'Research User Award'. Delegates to the Sixth Workshop will determine the winner of this award. During the Workshop a form with the list of the articles published during 2001–2002 will be distributed and delegates will be asked to select one article as most deserving. This award will be made to the author(s) of the article receiving the higher number of selections.

This Award, while non-monetary, will be noted and announced in the Journal along with the winners of the ASA and Excellence Awards.

Award Process

Adam Smith Award

Each of the Associate Editors will be asked to indicate one article considered of exceptional value among those published in the journal. Associate Editors who publish articles in the Journal during this time period are not eligible to nominate their own article. The Editors-in-Chief are not eligible to nominate candidates for this Award and will not express any preferences. The Associate Editors will send their vote by email to the Editorial Office: moscarelli@icmpe.org. The two articles receiving the highest number of preferences will be shortlisted for further consideration. These articles will then be subjected to a second round of consideration by the Associate Editors, who will then choose one article to receive the Award.

Excellence in Mental Health Economics Award

Each of the Associate Editors will be asked to indicate two articles they deem worthy of consideration for contributions to the field (the winner of the Adam Smith Award will not be considered). Associate Editors cannot nominate their own work published in the Journal. The Editors-in-Chief are not eligible to nominate candidates for this Award and will not express any preferences. The members of the Editorial Board will send their votes by email to the Editorial Office: moscarelli@icmpe.org. The four articles that will receive the higher number of preferences will be shortlisted for further consideration. The two articles receiving the highest number of nominations in this round will be awarded the Excellence Awards.

Research User Award

Each participant at the Workshop will receive, during registration, a form with the list of all articles published during 2001–2002, and will be asked to choose one as most deserving. Completed forms will be returned to the Workshop Secretariat during the registration phase. This Award will be made to the author(s) of the article receiving the highest number of votes.