

POSTER DAY 2007 SPECIAL HONOURS*

* “SPECIAL HONOURS” because you are all winners! Both sessions were superb!

MORNING SESSION - spontaneous prize category generation awards:

Posters were ALL professional looking and I could not pick on anything so I concentrated on the presenters:

AWARDS FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION :

1) AWARD FOR VISUAL IMPRESSION: Scientifically they were all great so I started by looking for the cutest virus, protein or animal. I reduced my search to key elements by asking myself what poster would grandma want for her wall. **Samra Uzicanin**'s oval borders with frills clearly stood out and grandma would have loved them for her walls!

2) AWARD FOR SHOWING: Was ready to give an award for James Villeneuve's highly effective variable finger point (one finger, poking finger, two fingers, full five finger point, underhand, two finger statistically significant chunk!) when I felt that it was topped by **Sheila Costford**'s nail-that-fact-down by also using the other hand point. When she did a two handed underhand point, she had to get the award...

3) AWARD FOR CONVINCING: I walked around asking myself “Would I buy a used car from this person?” No matter who he was talking to, my answer was Yes every time I passed **Charles Gyamera!**
Note: I watched from further away and don't know what these people were talking about... But I would have said yes if they asked...

AFTERNOON SESSION - Spontaneous prize category generation awards:

1) CUTEST MOLECULE, VIRUS OR ANIMAL AWARD: We had such beautiful lipoproteins that they gave cholesterol a good name. Christin Carin's novel mouse was another top contender. However the hero had to be **Hadi Arabi Katbi**'s wise looking frog with the balloon above his head: Didn't you feel compelled to read what was in the balloon when you walked by?

2) “I'M READY TO JUMP DOWN ONE FLOOR TO SEE THIS ONE” AWARD: I considered all posters from the mezzanine and if I was more dedicated I would have jumped down to read **Emeka Enwere**'s poster. Note: In addition to lay out and color, it was one of only about half a dozen posters for which the title and authors could be read from the mezzanine...

3) GRADUATE ASSISTANTS' CHOICE AWARD: was unanimous for **Joanna Renwick**'s poster.

PEER JUDGED AWARDS based on your visits over the day, with great effort I concluded:

Biochemistry MSc students: **Ngoc Vuong** and **Anne Morrow** shared first place and **Kyna Mensch** got the third cash prize.

Biochemistry PhD students: **Brigitte Sonier** first prize, **Sheila Costford**, second prize and a surprised **Caroline Breitbach**, third prize.

Microbiology and Immunology MSc students: For the second year **Felicity Stark** got the first prize. Second prize: **Juzer Kakal**. Third: **Anindita Chattopadhy**.

Microbiology and Immunology PhD students: First place: **Chinonso Okenwa**. Sharing second place: **Jyoti Mishra** and **Joel Ross**.

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