

ANDREW BLAKE TRIBUTE AWARD

The Andrew Blake Tribute Award commemorates the work and life of Andrew Blake, who suffered from Friedrich's ataxia, a hereditary condition described as one of the "worst of neurological diseases". Andrew died in May 2002 aged 39. Andrew was passionate about the need to support scientists in their work and his commitment to speaking out against animal rights activists took up much of the last ten years of his life. He died shortly before he was to collect his MBE.

DON'T KEEP YOUR GOOD IDEA TO YOURSELF!

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT FOR THE 2024 AWARD

ARE YOU AN ANIMAL TECH?

HAVE YOU BEEN PART OF A TEAM OR HAVE YOU REFINED ANIMAL CARE AND WELFARE IN YOUR FACILITY?

ALL ANIMAL TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS, QUALIFIED AT ANY LEVEL AND PRIMARILY WORKING IN THE UK CAN ENTER

CRITERIA - The topic of work that you describe in your application may be undertaken as part of a project and PRESENTED AS A POSTER.

YOUR POSTER SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

TITLE, AIM, METHOD, RESULTS, DISCUSSION, CONCLUSION, REFERENCES and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Poster should also contain the content below:

- Why did you undertake this work? (what was the potential problem you were trying to improve?)
- How did you undertake it? (species, numbers, sex, materials used)
- Describe in a comprehensive and concise manner that allows a complete understanding facilitating reproducibility.
- Explain if the work contributes to one of the 3Rs.
- Explain how the welfare of the animals was improved.
- Describe the results you obtained including data generated with assessment.
- Were there any statistics undertaken? Please provide this information.

Include a brief CV outlining your overall contribution to the work. Please also list your supervisors or PPL holder if applicable for the work.

Submit your Poster online via this link <https://www.iat.org.uk/abta> where you will see the Submission form for completion.

To allow others to be able to replicate the work, please consult the ARRIVE guidelines: <https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/arrive-guidelines>

DETAILS OF THE AWARD

This Award is given annually, where sponsorship allows, to the Animal Technician/Technologist judged to have made the *most significant contribution to improving standards in laboratory animal welfare over the previous twelve months.*

All qualified Animal Technologists are guided in their work by the Institute of Animal Technology's Ethical Statement:

In the conduct of their Professional duties Animal Technologists have a moral and legal obligation, at all times, to promote and safeguard the welfare of animals in their care, recognising that good laboratory animal welfare is an essential component of good laboratory animal technology and science. The Institute recognises and supports the application of the principles of the 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction, Refinement) in all areas of animal research.

The Award is made to acknowledge the professional and personal commitment of Animal Technologists to improving standards in all aspects of laboratory animal care and welfare.

THE PRIZE CONSISTS - CONGRESS 2024 FREE ATTENDANCE next March WHICH WILL INCLUDE DISPLAYING YOUR POSTER (WITH THE OPTION TO ALSO GIVE AN ORAL PRESENTATION) - AN ENGRAVED GLASS PLAQUE - AND £250 CASH AWARD

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023

Need advice - or you wish to discuss anything regarding a possible entry? Then please email the IAT Administrator admin@iat.org.uk with your contact details and one of the organisers will respond and give you all the support you need.



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