



Andrew Blake Tribute Award

Qualifications for entry

Entries are invited from all qualified animal technicians & technologists working primarily in the UK. The closing date for entries is usually around the end of November but it can vary depending on the date of the annual Congress, judging is usually concluded soon after the closing date.

Submission

The topic of work that you describe in your application may be undertaken as part of project and presented as a poster / an essay / a project / a scientific paper.

The submission which should contain the content below should be submitted online via the following link: <https://www.iat.org.uk/abta>

- 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 was the welfare of the animals improved?
- Describe the results you obtained including data generated with assessment
- Were there any statistics undertaken? Please provide this information
- Acknowledgements & References.
- Brief CV to include your overall contribution to the work
- Please list your supervisors or PPL holder if applicable for the work

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

Judging Criteria

- Advancement in animal welfare 40%
- Robustness of study 25%
- Overall significance 20%
- Novelty 10%
- Clarity of presentation of the work 5%

Judging

- Entries are submitted to a judging panel consisting of one member of IAT Council, one representative of the ABPI and two other independent people one to be in current employment within the Animal Technology Industry.
- All judges will have a vested interest in the area of laboratory animal research and will hold relevant academic qualifications.
- The criteria for judging the award are flexible, but the innovation or improvement, which is the subject of the entry, will have achieved a measurable advance in one or more aspect of laboratory animal care; it will be consistent with the aims and objectives of the 3Rs - Replacement, Refinement and Reduction
- It was also be consistent with the IAT's responsibility to advance and promote excellence in both technology, and the practice, of laboratory animal care and welfare.
- The winner is chosen by majority vote.
- The successful entrant will have a record of achieving high professional and scientific standards. He or she will have demonstrated a very significant professional and personal commitment to laboratory animal welfare.

Prize

- The award is presented to the winner at IAT Congress in March or April, following the closing date.
- The winner receives a cash prize of £250, an engraved glass award and will be invited to attend Congress and to make a platform presentation on their winning entry.
- The winning entry will be reported in IAT 'Bulletin', the appropriate IAT Congress Handbook, and on the IAT website. It may be published in the IAT Journal 'Animal Technology and Welfare', it will be circulate to ABPI members and with the agreement of sponsor and winner, be promoted to reputable to scientific colleagues and reputable scientific media.