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April 27, 2017

Dear Professor Erdődi,

Thank you for forwarding the abstracts of the TDK winners for 2017 to us. Similar to past years, the winner of the 2017 HMAA Student Travel Award was selected by a committee of four members designated by the HMAA Board of Directors from the first and second place winners of the various sections at the Students' Scientific Conference from the University of Debrecen. The abstracts were independently reviewed and scored by the members of the committee according to the following criteria: scientific merit and clinical relevancy, experimental setup and methods, overall quality and lucidity and suitability for the Annual Meeting. The abstracts were scored by the members of the committee on a scale of 1 – 10 (1 being the best), and a total score was determined.

I am happy to announce that according to the review of the committee the winner of the 2017 HMAA Student Travel Award is **Dóra Bencze ("A SLAMF5 szerepe az autofágia szabályozásában dendritikus sejtekben")** from DE ÁOK Immunológiai Intézet. As we do not have her contact information, please notify her and her mentors, Drs. Árpád Lányi and Zsófia Agod, of this achievement.

As you know, the Award will sponsor the participation of the winner at the 49th Annual Scientific Meeting of the HMAA to be held October 29 – November 3, 2017 in Sarasota, Florida. In the total amount of \$2,000, the Award will provide for airfare, ground transportation and hotel accommodations for the awardee and will also cover the registration fee and fees for social functions at the Meeting. Please note that as the official language of the HMAA Meeting is English, it is a requirement that the awardee should be able to present and discuss her work in English. I trust that this will not be a problem. The Submission of Abstract and Conflict of Interest Form for the meeting is available and should be completed on-line on the HMAA website (www.hmaa.org/meeting/abstract). In addition, please also ask Ms. Bencze to contact me directly in order to discuss the details of travel arrangements and other issues.

Thank you for your help. Sincerely,

Geza Acs, MD, PhD
Secretary, HMAA