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Algerian Researcher wins the Basel Declaration Award for Education in Animal Research

The winner of this year’s award is Doctor Nait Mohamed Faez Amokrane, Assistant Professor in the Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology at the University of Sciences and Technology Houari Boumediene in Algeria.

Doctor Nait Mohameds resumé speaks for itself. He holds a Bachelor’s degree of Science in Biochemistry, a Master’s degree of Sciences in Pharmacology and a PhD in Biochemistry and Immunology. He published several scientific articles, had posters and oral presentations on numerous interesting and current topics and has already won two awards: «Honorable mention» at the 2017 Algerian Paper of the Year Award and Best Poster Award at the Regional Conference to Promote Safe and Secure Science at the US National Academy of Sciences and the Malaysian Academy of Science.

Furthermore, he is eager to learn more about Animal Science to be able to educate his students and coworkers. He is giving tutorials on «Animal biology», «Biophysics», «Fundamental biochemistry», «Microbiology» and «Nanotechnology and vaccines» for students for several years.

The Basel Declaration Award gives Doctor Nait Mohamed the opportunity to attend the Introductory Course in Laboratory Animal Science (EU Functions A, C, D and Modules 10, 20, 21, former title: FELASA category B accredited) for 5 days at the University of Zurich.

Participants of this course also learn how the principles of the 3Rs are implemented in the day-to-day practice of animal experiments for the benefit of laboratory animals.

3Rs stand for Replace, Reduce and Refine. The concept of Replace means that alternative methods, such as computer simulation or cell cultures, should be used instead of animal experiments whenever possible. The term Reduce refers to the efforts of researchers to keep the number of animals used in each experiment to the absolute minimum by optimum planning of their experiments. The principle of Refine requires laboratory animals to be treated with the greatest possible care and to be kept under the best possible housing conditions during their entire lives, both during breeding and throughout the experiment.

Doctor Nait Mohamed aims to gain expertise and knowledge that he can teach researchers at his home University and other research institutes in Algeria.

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