

Outstanding Research Team Prize

The Outstanding Research Team prize is awarded to outstanding research teams in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe working on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected infectious diseases (NID) in the scope of the EDCTP2 programme.

Objective of the prize

The prize recognises the outstanding achievements, and scientific and policy impact of teams that are actively involved in research, capacity development and networking in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

The prize of €50,000 shall be used to further the research programme of the award-winning team and may support activities such as study visits and training attachments to collaborating institutions, data collection for baseline studies, conference and meeting attendance, and other relevant research-related activities.

Outstanding Research Team Prize recipient: CHAPAS

The 2018 Outstanding Research Team prize was awarded to the CHAPAS studies team (Children with HIV in Africa – Pharmacokinetics and Acceptability of Simple antiretroviral regimens), a research group that accomplished over more than a decade several crucial HIV paediatric and adolescent treatment trials.



Dr Mutsa Bwakura, Prof. Diana Gibb, Dr Cissy Kityo, Dr David Burger (in the back: Prof. Tanner and Dr Simão)

The prize was received by the CHAPAS team leader Professor Dianna Gibb (Programme leader of the Paediatric programme of trials and cohorts at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit, United Kingdom). She was accompanied by other CHAPAS team members present at the forum, including Dr Mutsa Bwakura-Dangarembizi (University of Zimbabwe, College of Health Sciences, Harare, Zimbabwe), Prof. David

Burger (Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands), and Dr Cissy Kityo Mutuluza (Executive Director of the Joint Clinical Research Centre, Kampala, Uganda).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86Zfxt9GiHI>



We are very excited to win the EDCTP Outstanding Research Team Prize. We have had a very fruitful equitable partnership for more than 10 years. This partnership has also been supported very strongly by EDCTP and it has enabled us to do some of the groundbreaking research that has enabled many children in Africa to access life-saving treatment. We will use the prize to further build capacity in specific areas that complement the work that we have been doing so that we can grow the research teams even bigger and also widen the scope of the work that we are doing at these institutions. We will also continue to plan for further CHAPAS studies including CHAPAS 5, 6 and maybe 7.
Dr Cissy Kityo Mutuluza, Executive Director of Joint Clinical Research Centre Uganda

Indeed it's an honour to receive this EDCTP prize. It has really been a partnership and we have experienced a lot of growth in the many years that we have worked together as a team. The prize will also be important for building capacity in terms of clinical trials management and grant management. This is something we as a team want to continue to develop in the different sites and this is very important as we begin to apply for further grants to further the research agenda in Africa.
Dr Mutsa Bwakura-Dangarembizi, Paediatrician at University of Zimbabwe

Previous recipient (2016):

University of Zambia – University College London Medical School (UNZA-UCLMS) Research & Training Program <http://www.edctp.org/prizes/edctp-awards-2016-recipients/>