The International Section has for several years offered the International Section Prize, consisting of a $1,500 cash award to assist a physician from an emerging market country or a physician-in-training (residents and fellows) with his/her travel expenses in the attending AOHC conference. Given than the 2021 AOHC is a virtual conference, there are no travel expenses, so the International Section will be offering a reduced cash award of $750 for this year’s prize to assist the applicant with his/her registration and/or other expenses. Since the prize is intended to support not only engagement in, but contribution to, OEM practice, applicants must have had a presentation or poster session already accepted for the next AOHC.

The International Section Prize is intended to be needs-driven, so the selection committee will be seeking candidates whose AOHC expenses are not already covered by their employer or academic institution. In addition, the selection committee will be seeking candidates whose AOHC presentation or poster session is focused on OEM in an international setting, or, at least, involves OEM learning that can be readily re-applied globally.

The deadline for 2021 International Section Prize applications will be one week after the applicants are notified of the acceptance of their 2021 AOHC presentation/poster sessions (probably in mid-March 2021).

The simplified application process consists of notifying the Chair of the International Section Prize Selection Committee, Leslie Yee, at yee.lm@skylarkhealth.com by one week after the notification of 2021 AOHC presentation/poster acceptance, with following attached information:

1. Documentation of the acceptance of their presentation or poster session at the 2021 AOHC, including a copy of the abstract of the presentation/poster session.

2. A statement from their employer or academic institution that their expenses for participating in the 2021 AOHC are not fully covered by their institution.

The prize winner will be notified as soon as the International Section Prize Selection Committee has completed its review of all applications. Questions regarding the prize and its application process may be directed to Dr. Yee.