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Media Release

Karger Publishers Supports Local Young Scientists in Medicine

Karger Publishers supports young scientists in medicine as part of the annual Wissenschaftsmonat (Science Month) at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Basel. This year, Science Month was held digitally for the first time.

The Science Month by the Faculty of Medicine was rounded off with the presentation of Karger Awards to students last Friday, March 26. Previously, students spent a month learning how to create, understand, and communicate scientific content. To cap off the event, the best presentations received awards at the Science Month Congress. For the first time, all events took place digitally due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to presenting the Karger Award, Karger Publishers also supported Science Month with a seminar on "Open Access and Predatory Journals" this year. Predatory journals publish articles with little to no peer review in exchange for financial remuneration. "Often, submitting authors do not realize they are dealing with a predatory journal and only find out after their paper is published. Unfortunately, by then it is too late. Their hard work was in vain as predatory journals are not listed in the major databases. In addition, their scientific reputation is damaged, which harms their chances of receiving funding. The only way to avoid this is to educate researchers about these dangers very early in their careers. And this is exactly what we would like to do in this seminar," explains Paul Lavender, Strategic Competence Lead Education & Learning at Karger Publishers.

Felix Bosch, Niclas Dietrich, Pascal Gächter, Simon Grimm, Katia Sidler, and Carlos Spagnuolo competed as finalists. After the 15-minute presentation of their own master's theses, the six students answered questions from the jury and the audience of around two hundred people. The 3rd prize was awarded twice and went to Katia Sidler and Carlos Spagnuolo, the 2nd prize was awarded to Niclas Dietrich, and Pascal Gächter won the 1st prize.

Karger Publishers sees supporting young scientists as an important task, which it is happy to undertake on a consistent basis, particularly at its headquarters in Basel. "Distributing research results in written form is the foundation of medical success. Karger aims to advance both young researchers and the health sciences through active participation in Science Month," outlines Gabriella Karger, Publisher and Chairwoman of the Board of Directors at Karger Publishers.

Science Month and the Karger Awards are supported by the Karger Fund for the promotion of young medical researchers, which was launched in 1990 on the 100th anniversary of the publishing house.

About Karger Publishers

Karger Publishers, headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, is a global publisher of scientific and medical content. It is independent and family-led in the fourth generation by Chairwoman and Publisher Gabriella Karger. Connecting and advancing health sciences since 1890, Karger has been continuously evolving, keeping pace with the current developments and shifts in research and publishing. The publishing house is dedicated to serving the information needs of scientists, clinicians, and patients with high quality publications and services in many specialist fields within health sciences. Karger Publishers has 240 employees and is present in 15 countries around the globe.

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