

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# *HRWM Willie Grabow Young Investigator Award 2023*

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**CLOSING DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

**NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

### **Background**

The IWA-HRWM Willie Grabow Young Investigator Award was officially announced in June 2009 during the 15th International Symposium on Health-Related Water Microbiology, WaterMicro 2009, in Naxos, Greece. Professor Willie Grabow, a brilliant environmental virologist, dedicated part of his professional life to implementing the IWA and specialist group concept and giving technical and scientific support to developing countries in the environmental microbiology field. He continues to inspire emerging scientists and has been appointed as Honorary President of our HRWM SG. The award, generously sponsored by IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. is presented in conjunction with the SG HRWM Symposia.

### **Objective**

The IWA-HRWM Willie Grabow Young Investigator Award is made for the purpose of assisting and encouraging young scientists, who are doing outstanding research in the field of health-related water microbiology, specifically in developing countries.

### **Award**

The award consists of a travel support grant (EUR 4.000) and a free registration fee for the HRWM Symposium the year of the award. In addition, a plaque will be presented to the recipient at the Symposium's Gala dinner. The Award winner will be asked to give a presentation on their work applicable to developing countries during the Symposium.

### **Nomination Process**

A candidate must be nominated. Nominators may be HRWM members, schools or other organizations involved in the Health-Related Water Microbiology field.

### **Selection Criteria**

Candidates need not be a current Member of IWA, although they should preferably have some past involvement in the HRWM Specialist Group and are encouraged to become an IWA member.

To be eligible for the Award, a nominee shall not be older than 35 years (year of birth 1988 or later).

Candidates conducting research in a developing country will have advantage in the selection process. Research published in peer-reviewed journal(s) will be considered an advantage in the selection process.

### **Evaluation Process**

Award Submissions will be received by the Coordinator of the Award Committee. Submissions will be compiled/organized and distributed for review by the Committee. Candidates not in compliance with application rules will be disqualified. The selection criteria will drive the evaluation process. In judging the candidates' research the originality shown and the major contributions in the area of health-related water microbiology will be considered. Results of the application will be sent to the applicants. The decision of the Award Committee will be final.

## Award Committee

- Bettina Genthe, South Africa, (Coordinator)
- Andreas Farnleitner, Austria
- Alexandria B. Boehm, USA

## Deadlines

**Application Deadline: 28 February, 2023**

**Award Notification: 28 March, 2023**

## Applications should include the following:

- Completed Nomination Form – <https://hrwm-watermicro.com/2022/12/23/call-for-applications-willie-grabow-young-investigatoraward-2023/>
- At least one letter of support, giving the basis for nomination and supporting the qualifications on research on which the nomination is based.
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee.

At our last HRWM Symposium 2019 in Vienna, Austria, we had the pleasure to award the prize to **Dr. Isaac Dennis Amoah**, Durban University of Technology (South Africa).



Winner of the 2019 Willie Grabow Award (Photo credit Isaac Dennis)

