The Julia Bodmer Award

As a tribute to the late EFI president Julia Bodmer, who encouraged many young researchers in the field of Immunogenetics, the Julia Bodmer Award (JBA) was established in 2002. This prestigious award is given every year to a young scientist in recognition of their outstanding work within the field of Immunogenetics, and in acknowledgement of the laboratory in which the scientist has performed their research.

The JBA is associated with an oral presentation at the opening session of the annual EFI Conference, and with the invitation to contribute a dedicated “Julia Bodmer Review” to HLA, the official journal of the Society.

Candidates must be an EFI member (or become a member at the time of application) and be no more than 10 years past completion of their doctoral thesis if applicable; candidates who have not undertaken or completed a doctoral thesis are also eligible. Applications from eligible candidates will be reviewed by all members of the EFI Scientific Committee who will give the highest priority to scientific merit for establishing a ranking by majority voting. The first ranked candidate will be selected. The JBA winner will be invited to deliver his/her presentation as first speaker of the EFI Conference Opening Session, to be guest at the prestigious Ceppellini Dinner, and to receive €1,000 in prize money. In addition, his/her expenses for registration, travel and lodging for the 3 nights of the EFI Conference will be covered by EFI.

Applications must be sent in writing to the EFI Secretary via Sandra van Hensbergen at the EFI Central Office (ajvanhensbergen@lumc.nl) before February 15, 2022.

A list of all the recipients of this award is given below:
2002 - Benedicte Lie
2003 - Maria Pascual
2004 - Marlies Dankers
2005 - Peter Horn (Hannover Medical School, Germany)
2006 - James Traherne (University of Cambridge, UK)
2007 - Blanca Rueda
2008 - Roberta Rizzo (University of Ferrara, Italy)
2009 - Luca Vago (San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Italy)
2010 - Constanca Figueiredo (Hannover Medical School, Germany)
2011 - Lloyd D’Orsogna (Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands)
2012 - Pierre-Antoine Gourraud
2013 - Daniele Focosi (University of Pisa, Italy)
2014 - Clemens Hermann (Oxford University, UK)
2015 - Celine Rene (University of Montpellier, France)
2016 - Hannah Siddle (University of Southampton, UK)
2017 - James Lee (Harvard University, USA)
2018 - Maxime Rotival (Institut Pasteur, France)
2019 - Asbjørn Christophersen (University of Oslo, Norway)
2020 – no JBA due to COVID-19 pandemic
2021 - Cristina Toffalori (IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milano, Italy)