



AUSTRALIAN INJURY PREVENTION NETWORK

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AIPN Student Writing Competition

Competition Details:

The AIPN is running an exciting new writing competition in 2011, open to postgraduate students in the injury prevention field. The winner will have the opportunity to gain important recognition in the injury field that will greatly assist in their career development through conference presentation and possible publication in *Injury Prevention*, injuryprevention.bmj.com/.

First prize includes:

- Publication in *Injury Prevention*, an international, peer-reviewed journal (subject to editorial and peer review)
- A \$500 bursary to attend the AIPN National Conference in November 2011 in Brisbane and complimentary conference registration
- Opportunity to present the paper at a plenary session of the AIPN National Conference
- Complimentary 12 month student membership to the AIPN

In addition, **ALL** entrants to the competition will receive a complimentary 12 month student membership to the AIPN (providing entry is of an acceptable standard).

Students are asked to submit an article focusing on aspects of injury policy affecting any country or countries. Articles or commentaries may discuss, for example, policy formulation, advocacy, enactment, implementation, or enforcement. You may wish to focus on one specific area of injury prevention or write more generally. Article format should meet the following guidelines:

- Length of main text: up to 1800 words
- Abstract: up to 150 words
- Tables/illustrations: up to 4
- References: up to 20

Some examples:

- a) *The role of advocacy in the enactment of effective injury prevention policy*
You may wish to discuss:

- Whether advocacy can influence the success of an injury prevention policy
- Opportunities that exist for injury researchers to engage in advocacy or how to create opportunities
- Challenges that injury researchers face for advocacy
- Effective strategies for injury prevention advocacy

b) *Translating injury research into policy: opportunities for researchers*

You may wish to discuss:

- How injury researchers may identify or create opportunities for translation of research
- Barriers to translating research into policy
- Effective strategies for translation

c) *Choose an area of injury prevention of interest to you:*

- What opportunities exist for policy development that may reduce the burden of injury in this area?
- Are there barriers to the implementation of effective injury prevention policy in this area?
- What strategies may be successful in overcoming these barriers?
- What role does advocacy play in policy making in this area?

The AIPN student writing competition is currently OPEN. Please submit your article to the AIPN Secretariat by email; secretariat@aipn.com.au by 5.00 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the 31st of August, 2011. A group of injury experts from AIPN will read all submitted articles and determine a shortlist. An editor from *Injury Prevention* will contribute to judging of the winner.

Please visit the student page on the AIPN website (<http://www.aipn.com.au>) for competition details and guidelines.

GUIDELINES

1. By submitting their article to the AIPN Student Writing Competition, entrants agree to be bound by the AIPN Student Writing Competition Guidelines.
2. The 2011 Competition closes on the 31st of August 2011 at 5:00 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST). Articles submitted late may or may not be considered, which decision is wholly at the discretion of AIPN Executive.
3. Entrants must submit their articles in Microsoft Word format by email to secretariat@aipn.com.au. The email should detail the entrant's full name, preferred email address, contact number, current university program of study and name of institution, postal address and the word count of the article.
4. The article must be written and submitted by a person enrolled in a postgraduate level program at an Australian university at the time of submission.
5. Entrants may not submit articles which have previously been published or are currently being considered for publication, or articles which have previously won prizes or awards in academic competitions.
6. Entrants may not submit more than one article.
7. The submitted article must be 1800 words or less in length. Word count excludes footnotes, tables, figures, references and abstract.
8. Entrants must be the original author of their submitted article. All non-original material and sources must be referenced in accordance with general academic standards. Failure to reference or cite non-original material may be considered plagiarism. The AIPN Executive reserves the discretion to report instances of plagiarism to any affected or interested parties.
9. Entrants should use the (slightly modified) Vancouver referencing style used by *Injury Prevention*. Guidelines can be accessed at <http://group.bmj.com/products/journals/instructions-for-authors/formatting#references>.
10. Submitted articles will be shortlisted and judged according to the following criteria: Quality of discussion and argument, including knowledge and synthesis of information, innovation and articulation of argument, and structure of analysis; Academic quality, including choice and application of formatting and referencing style, clear and correct spelling and grammar.
11. A group of injury experts from AIPN will read all submitted articles and determine a shortlist. An editor from *Injury Prevention* will contribute to judging of the winner.
12. First place will win a \$500 bursary to attend the AIPN National Conference held from 2-4 November, 2011 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane and complimentary conference registration. The \$500 cheque will be presented at the conference. Additionally, the first place winner will also have the opportunity to present their article at a plenary session of the AIPN National Conference. First place will also receive a complimentary 12 month student membership to the AIPN. This membership will be valid for 12 months from the receipt of the prize or for the duration that the winner remains a student (if this is less than 12 months).
13. All entrants to the competition will receive a complimentary 12 month student membership to the AIPN (providing entry is of an acceptable standard). This membership will be valid for 12 months from the receipt of the prize or for the duration that the winner remains a student (if this is less than 12 months).
14. The winning article will be reviewed by an associate editor of *Injury Prevention* and then submitted to the journal for peer review and possible publication.
15. Entrants give the AIPN Executive licence over the submitted article as is reasonably necessary for the conduct of the Competition. This licence includes permission to make and distribute copies between members of the Executive for short-listing and judging processes, reproducing entry details in AIPN publications, submission of entry to *Injury Prevention* and keeping copies of submitted articles as archival records.
16. The AIPN Executive may exclude an article from the Competition for a breach of these rules or for conduct deemed contrary to the spirit of the Competition. At their discretion the AIPN Executive may notify an entrant by email or phone if their article has been excluded from the Competition.
17. All decisions of the AIPN Executive are final. No appeals will be heard. The Competitions Convenor (the AIPN) has discretion to vary the Competition Rules.