

## Reckitt Benckiser Student of the Year Award 2012

Hi!

I thought I would drop you a quick note to let you know about the recent launch of the Reckitt Benckiser Student of the Year Award 2012.

The BPSA is very proud to be able to run this competition with the generous long standing relationship we have with Reckitt Benckiser. So, I hear you ask what this competition is all about!

It is to find the best pharmacy student in the country to represent GB students at an international pharmacy student event. The event is the IPSF (International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation – [www.ipsf.org](http://www.ipsf.org)) Congress, which will be held in **Hurghada, Egypt in August 2012**. As the winner of this competition you will receive an all expense paid trip to this international conference, which includes conference delegate fees, flights, accommodation and all your food and drink. Not bad!

The runner up will receive funding to attend an EPSA (European Pharmaceutical Students' Association – [www.epsa-online.org](http://www.epsa-online.org)) event of their choice. Past destinations have included: Bulgaria, Turkey, Italy, Finland and Greece – just to name a few.

So a bit about the competition...

The competition starts with a multiple choice questionnaire consisting of 20 MCQs with questions on Reckitt Benckiser products, the BPSA and general pharmacy knowledge. All answers can be found on the relevant bodies' websites. There are also two short answer questions testing your clinical knowledge, along with a tie-breaker which this year is:

**“In 50 words or less – How can Pharmacy and Manufacturers work more closely together for the benefit of patients?”**

You can enter the competition in two ways, either:

- Using the paper forms that have been sent to your School of Pharmacy, or are available at BPSA conferences. These can either be sent to the postal address on the back of the form or given to a BPSA Exec Member.
- Online at [www.bpsa.co.uk](http://www.bpsa.co.uk)

Six finalists will be invited to an all expenses paid day at the BPSA 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which is going to be held in Sunderland between 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April 2012. They will be interviewed by a panel consisting of the top members of the pharmacy profession on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012, where the winner and runner up will be announced later in the day during a wine reception in front of all the conference delegates. All six finalists will receive a framed certificate and a pharmacy text book.

All entries into the competition will be eligible for a BPSA Professional Development Point (PDP), which can be used as one of the five required to complete the 2011-2012 BPSA Professional Development Certificate (PDC) Scheme.

Remember the closing date is the **19<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. More information is available on the BPSA website ([www.bpsa.co.uk](http://www.bpsa.co.uk)) and if you have any questions please get in touch with me by sending an email to [vicepresident@bpsa.co.uk](mailto:vicepresident@bpsa.co.uk)

Good Luck!

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