

## **The INDEPTH Prize for Extraordinary Research in Population and Health at INDEPTH Centres**

### **Background**

The INDEPTH Prize for Extraordinary Research in Population and Health at INDEPTH Network member centres was established by the Board of Trustees of the INDEPTH Network in March 2002. The initial prize fund of \$10000 was donated to INDEPTH Network by Prof. Peter Aaby, leader of the Bandim HDSS centre in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa. The INDEPTH Network now continues to award the annual prize.

The Prize of \$3000 is awarded annually at an INDEPTH Annual and General Scientific Meeting (AGM) to researchers at INDEPTH Member centres who have published innovative INDEPTH-relevant research work in a refereed journal or a comparable publication.

The objective of the Prize is to stimulate researchers at INDEPTH member centres to undertake innovative work leading to extraordinary results that have the potential to impact policy and practice. The results could challenge existing knowledge. The Prize has been established to honour the men and women who are advancing population and health research at INDEPTH centres in developing countries by creating novel methods – or reinvigorating older, established methods -- to motivate and instruct the next generation of practising developing country epidemiologists, demographers and social scientists.

Half of the prize money goes to the individual or individuals who co-authored the work; the other half recognises the HDSS INDEPTH Member centre where the research was conducted and is intended to provide the impetus for further innovative research at INDEPTH sites.

### **Nominations**

The Secretariat is calling for recently HDSS-based papers from INDEPTH sites that were published (or accepted for publication) between October 2009 and September 2010. Any member site may nominate an eligible work. Nominations should accompany a short statement giving the reasons of nomination as well as the nominated academic work itself.

Please submit your nominations to Dr. Ayaga Bawah ([ayaga.bawah@indepth-network.org](mailto:ayaga.bawah@indepth-network.org))

Selection Process of the Award Eligibility - Any research work which

has been published in a refereed journal or book in 2008/2009 by a researcher at an INDEPTH member centre, is eligible for consideration for the Prize. Papers which have been accepted but are awaiting publication may also be submitted for consideration. Papers refused publication but where author(s) will argue that rejection was based on poor judgement, may also be submitted. Publication through the Internet will be considered if there is a refereeing process. A Ph.D. dissertation, before its publication in its entirety or in part in refereed medium, is not eligible.

The INDEPTH Scientific Advisory Committee will set up a Selection Committee and will announce the winning paper at the 10th AGM in Accra, Ghana scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. Draws on the key strengths of the HDSS of longitudinal health and demographic surveillance of a geographically-defined population.
2. Innovation - The work introduces an innovative concept or approach to further understanding of the dynamics of populations at one or more INDEPTH Member sites.
3. Research Quality - the quality of the work in terms of its design, implementation, analysis and interpretation.
4. Potential for influencing policy.

### **Deadline for nominations**

31st August 2010