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DEDICATION & EXCELLENCE REWARDED AT 2015 DR FALK
PHARMA/CORE AWARDS

A young medical student working in The Gambia to find a more effective way of diagnosing chronic HBV carriers, a newly qualified doctor using meta analysis to provide hard evidence that smoking can have a detrimental effect on the outcome of Crohn's Disease and a gastric nurse who has empowered dozens of patients to manage their own disease journey.

These are just a few of the inspirational prize winners who are to be rewarded at the Dr Falk Pharma UK/Core Award Ceremony in London on Tuesday June 23rd at the British Society of Gastroenterology Conference.

The Dr Falk Pharma UK/Core Awards, now in their ninth year, are dedicated to encouraging research and promoting patient care in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology. They comprise four £1,500 bursaries for medical students taking a full-time science degree in an area relevant to gastroenterology and hepatology, two £2,500 bursaries to newly qualified doctors who are undertaking relevant research, and one £1,000 essay prize for a medical student dissertation. There is also a £1000 nurse prize.

This year, as always, the standard of entry was extremely high with some of Britain's top medical students, young doctors and nurses seizing the opportunity to bring their research to a wider and expert audience.

Professor Jean E Crabtree, Core Trustee says: 'Core is delighted to work with Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd to award medical students and recently qualified clinicians bursaries and grants respectively to undertake research in gastroenterology and hepatology. The awards provide support and encouragement to the medical students and young clinical researchers as they begin their medical careers. The continued support of Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd for these bursary awards is much appreciated by the Core Trustees.'

'I am very honoured by this award as it will help me further my research in a field which is interesting to me because it is relatively young and still growing. Therefore there are many opportunities for further developments and many areas to explore,' explains Dr Diana Yung, who won a £2,500 bursary for her research work into small-bowel Capsule Endoscopy in the Young Anaemic Patient

'I hope, through my research, to help improve care not only for individual patients but to provide information which will benefit the management of groups of patients as a whole.'

Clinical Nurse Specialist Alison Thomas, who was awarded her prize for her work developing clinical satellite clinics for the management and self management of Dyspepsia in the Gwent healthcare Trust region, says of her Dr Falk Pharma/Core Award:

'I am thrilled to win the Core Nurses grant. The grant will help to fund attendance at University in September this year. This Masters level module will enable me to extend my independent practice which will benefit patients by contributing to reducing waiting time for treatment. '

Dr Riadh Jazrawi, Medical Director of Dr Falk Pharma UK says: 'The Dr Falk Pharma UK/Core Awards have, once again, allowed us the privilege of highlighting the amazing dedication and talent of so many young medical professionals and nurses working in the field of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

'We at Dr Falk Pharma UK are delighted to be able to work with Core to reward this excellence and to encourage the next generation of Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists.'

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Diary Notes

The Dr Falk Pharma UK/Core Awards will be presented at The Hilton Double Tree Tower of London Hotel on Tuesday June 23rd at 7.00pm. Most of the award winners will be available for interview from 6.00 pm.

For press accreditation to the Awards ceremony or to interview the winners at the Awards Ceremony or beforehand please contact:

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Further Notes:

Dr Falk Pharma UK has been supporting education and innovation in gastroenterology and hepatology across Europe for over 50 years. During this time the company has organised more than 200 events including scientific congresses, symposia and workshops as well as presenting international awards and bursaries. www.dralk.co.uk

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