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Dear Colleagues,

As Editor-in-Chief of *Genes*, I am pleased to announce the winners of the **2018 *Genes* Young Investigator Award** and the two **2018 *Genes* Travel Awards**:

The 2018 *Genes* Young Investigator Award is granted to Dr. Renato Polimanti, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor at Yale University School of Medicine, USA, whose research focuses on psychiatric genetics. Using a multidisciplinary approach that includes statistical and computational analysis, Dr. Polmanti has advanced our understanding in the genetic mechanisms of behavioural traits. As the awardee, Dr. Polimanti will receive an honorarium of **2000 Swiss Francs**.

2018 GENES AWARDS WINNERS

The **2018 *Genes* Travel Awards** have been granted to:

a. **Andi Wilson**, a Ph.D. student at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, for her work on the understanding of sexual reproduction in fungal plant pathogens of the Ceratocystidaceae family.

b. **Dr. Jesus A Ballesteros**, a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, for his research on the molecular and developmental evolution of arachnids and other arthropods.

The awards consist of **800 Swiss Francs each**, and are available for the winners to use for attendance and participation in any academic conference in 2018.

It is also my pleasure to announce that as part of the reward, *Genes* will offer the winners the opportunity to publish a paper with the publication fees waived.

I would like to thank all applicants for their participation and interest in our journal.

Prof. Dr. J. Peter Young
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