

## Thomas B Fitzpatrick Medal

The Thomas B Fitzpatrick Medal is an Award dedicated to the memory of late Thomas B Fitzpatrick, Edward C Wigglesworth Professor of Dermatology, Chairman Emeritus, Department of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, USA and selected by the IFPCS as an international recognition of outstanding contributions to the basic and clinical research on pigment cells and malignant melanoma.

It is for the best publication in the previous three years in the journal *Pigment Cell & Melanoma Research*, the official journal of the IFPCS and SMR. The award will be made based upon the decision of editorial board of PCMR and will be given, in principle, every three years during the IPCC following the selection process listed as follows:

1. The IFPCS Awards Committee will write to the chair of the Thomas B Fitzpatrick Medal Committee to receive the nominations for the Thomas B Fitzpatrick Medal.
2. The Thomas B Fitzpatrick Awards Committee will be composed of the members of editorial board of *Pigment Cell & Melanoma Research* and the chair of the Committee will be the editor-in-chief of the journal.
3. The Thomas B Fitzpatrick Award will be given to the research laboratory of the first author of the best original publication in the past three years, based upon recommendation of editorial board of *Pigment Cell & Melanoma Research*.
4. The Awards Committee will then inform the IFPCS President about the laboratory of Thomas B Fitzpatrick Medal recipient and the IFPCS President will announce their selection.
5. The Award consists of the memorial Medal made by the Thomas B Fitzpatrick Medal Awards Funding Committee and a Certificate of commendation from *Pigment Cell & Melanoma Research* by Wiley-Blackwell.
6. The Medal and Certificate will be made by the Thomas B Fitzpatrick Medal Funding Committee which is composed of trainees and fellows of Thomas B Fitzpatrick and by Wiley-Blackwell, the costs being borne by them, respectively.
7. The first medal was awarded at opening ceremony of the 20<sup>th</sup> IPCC and thereafter it will be awarded at the time of the official banquet of the IPCC by the IFPCS President.
8. The IFPCS will award a travel grant to the first author of the selected paper, to defray the travel costs to attend the awards ceremony at the IPCC.