*Applications are invited for:*NSM Publication Prize 2020: Maternal Nutrition

Members of the Nutrition Society of Malaysia (NSM) are invited to apply for the NSM Publication Prize: Maternal Nutrition.

Objective:

To encourage and promote local research publications in the field of maternal nutrition.

The Prize:

There shall be a maximum of 1 award each year, each to carry a cash prize of RM2,000 and a certificate by the NSM. For the years 2019-2021, this Prize shall be sponsored by Fonterra Brands (M) Sdn Bhd.

Applications for the Prize:

Members of NSM are invited to submit their publications following a prescribed procedure given below. Applications shall be considered by a Selection Committee. The selection shall be based on a set of prescribed criteria described below.

Presentation of awards:

Prizes are to be presented during the opening ceremony of the 35^{th} Scientific Conference of the Nutrition Society of Malaysia from 24-25 November 2020 which will be organized an online event. Winners shall be invited to attend the virtual ceremony to receive the prize.

Application procedure:

- 1. The NSM Council shall invite applications for the Publication Prize through NutriWeb (www.nutriweb.org.my), research institutions, academia and government departments.
- 2. Applicants must be Malaysian citizens and Ordinary (with no outstanding membership fees) or Life members of NSM.
- 3. Applications must be received before **31 October 2020.**
- 4. Applicants must submit the following for consideration of the NSM selection committee:
 - a. A copy of the published paper in pdf for the consideration of the selection committee
 - b. A <u>cover letter</u> indicating intent to apply for consideration for the publication prize and stating the number of publications submitted as well as the full details of each publication (author(s), title of publication, journal details)
 - c. The following personal particulars
 - i. Name
 - ii. NSM membership number
 - iii. Address of work place
 - iv. Email and contact number
 - d. A statement stating why the submitted publication(s) should be considered for the Prize, pointing out, for example, significance of study and findings, its usefulness and impact.
- 5. All documents stated in item 4 should be emailed to the President at: president@nutriweb.org.my and copy to the Hon. Secretary at: secretary@nutriweb.org.my, to reach them before the deadline stated.

Criteria for Selection:

- 1. Publication(s) submitted for consideration by the Selection Committee must be in the field of maternal nutrition in the Malaysian context, arising from human intervention, epidemiology or clinical studies or critical reviews.
- 2. The publication(s) must be in the English language, published in a peer reviewed journal, in the year 2017 and later. There is no limit to the number of publications submitted for consideration.
- 3. The applicant must be the first author of the publication(s) submitted for consideration.
- 4. Selection of winners shall be based on multiple criteria, including relevance to focus area of Publication Prize, relevance to national nutrition scene, soundness of research methodology and overall presentation of the publication.
- 5. Criteria for selection may be amended from time to time by the NSM Council.
- 6. Decision of the Selection Committee is final.