**History of Clemens von Pirquet**

Clemens von Pirquet was born into an Austrian aristocratic family. He studied medicine successively in Vienna, Königsberg (today Kaliningrad, Russia), and Graz. During his studies, he developed a strong interest in childhood medicine. In 1902, he began his training in pediatrics in Vienna with another former university classmate, Bela Schick. Their common work allowed them to recognize adverse reactions to antitoxins for which they coined the term allergy. Clemens von Pirquet provided major contributions to the speciality, and was continuously working on both aspects, laboratory research and patient care. In 1908, Dr. von Pirquet was appointed as the first Professor of the newly created Department of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore. One year later, he decided to return to Europe, first to Breslau (today Wroclaw, Poland) and then to Vienna.

**von Pirquet Awards for Scientific Presentations**

The Alliance of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology invites Fellows-in-Training to submit abstracts for consideration for the Clemens von Pirquet Awards to be presented at the 2018 ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting, November 15-19, in Seattle, Washington.

Three awards will be given for the best paper on any aspect of allergy/immunology or related fields submitted by Fellows-in-Training in allergy/immunology. In addition to travel scholarships to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting, winners will receive:

- ACAAI Alliance Memorial Award - $2,500
- Second Place - $1,500
- Third Place - $1,000

**Application Criteria**

Applicants for the Clemens von Pirquet Awards must be Fellows-in-Training in an approved allergy and immunology training program in North America and either be a FIT member of ACAAI or have a membership application on file. Applicants must submit online an abstract of original research to which he/she has made a substantive contribution and for which he/she will be the first author and presenter. Case reports may be submitted; however, a strong component of science should be reflected in the case report.

In addition, applicants must submit the following materials via email with the subject heading “von Pirquet Submission” to maureenknight@acaai.org:

- Cover letter, describing the level of involvement in the research (design, recruitment, collection, analysis of data, etc.). This letter can include additional details about the work, but should not exceed 2 pages in length.
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae
- Letter of support from the program director, attesting to the fact that the applicant initiated the work and was responsible for its completion.

Deadline for online submission of abstract and receipt of supporting documents: **July 17, 2018**.

**Recipients of the Clemens von Pirquet Awards will:**

- Receive their awards at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018 4:30-6:00 pm at the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Present their papers at one of the Annual Scientific Meeting Concurrent Sessions scheduled for Saturday - Monday, November 17-19, 2018.
- Have their abstracts published in the November 2018 Supplement to the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*, which will be distributed at the 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting.