Model-Informed Drug Development

2021 Virtual Conference

2021 MIDD+ Awards Presentation



2021 MIDD+ Awards

- Outstanding Woman in Science
 - Established in 2021
 - Intended to recognize exceptional and outstanding achievement by a distinguished female scientist in the area of modeling and simulation





2021 MIDD+ Outstanding Woman in Science Award

Winner: Julie Stone

Distinguished Scientist, Quantitative Pharmacology and Pharmacometrics, Merck

"Julie has been a recognized expert in MID3 for as long as I can remember. Typically, the highest level (most senior) scientist reviewing modeling and simulation work we are involved in with Merck, her comments, feedback and guidance illustrate an outstanding ability to strategically guide quantitative efforts to result in meaningful feedback and assist in decision making. Not only does Julie possess the ability to see the big picture and frame and position arguments and messaging regarding modeling work to best effect, she is also expert at the technical details, demonstrating the ability to dig into the code when needed to diagnose problems and suggest alternatives. A genuinely nice person, Julie is kind and appreciative of her collaborators, which we have been lucky to be on many programs over the years."





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Excellence in Academia

- Established in 2021
- Intended to recognize the outstanding contributions of an academic scientist, whose research and publications serve to support the development of innovative quantitative solutions that optimize treatment options for patients





2021 MIDD+ Excellence in Academia Award

Winner: Stephan Schmidt

Director, Center for Pharmacometrics and Systems Pharmacology at University of Florida

"Stephan has a passion for training the next generation of PBPK/PBBM scientists and for driving science forward by collaborating across the industry."





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STEM Forward

- Established in 2021
- Intended to promote and elevate the contributions and leadership activities of a researcher from an underrepresented population working in the pharmaceutical industry, academia, or in a governmental agency or other non-profit organization





2021 MIDD+ STEM Forward Award

Winner: Aruna Dontabhaktuni

Founder & Scientific Director, Project Dontabhaktuni | Founder & CEO, PharmaPro Consulting

"After working in various industry positions, Aruna founded PharmaPro Consulting, where she assists clients with clinical pharmacology and pharmacometrics issues, including regulatory submissions. In 2019, Aruna founded Project Dontabhaktuni, a nonprofit organization created to support upcoming scientists from around the world in drug development and other healthcare-related fields. Through the efforts of the organization, Aruna attempts to guide and empower scientists in achieving their career goals by providing them free training and workshops as well as providing access to mentoring programs. In 2019, she provided in person training workshops to over 300 scientists in China and India and in 2020, her organization hosted 3 virtual workshops for hundreds more around the world."



