The Verband Deutsche Nierenzentren e.V.
(Association of German Nephrology Centers)
Announces the Bernd Tersteegen Award 2009

Dr. Bernd Tersteegen, the founder of the Verband Deutsche Nierenzentren (DN) e.V., was dedicated to the improvement of outpatient treatment modalities in end-stage renal disease. Specifically, he focused on further technical development of hemodialysis. The Bernd Tersteegen award was established following Dr. Tersteegen’s death in 1995. The prize is awarded internationally both for basic and particularly for clinical research related to chronic renal insufficiency and to advances in the treatment of end-stage renal disease.

The annual award of EUR 8,000 is provided by Roche Pharma AG (Grenzach, Germany). The award is usually given to a single applicant but may be shared under certain circumstances. Applicants should be physicians, researchers or engineers who are involved in research in the area of renal failure and renal replacement therapy. Only research papers that have been published in 2008 or 2009 or have not yet been published are suitable for submission. Papers should be written in German or English. Review articles, dissertations, university habilitation works and manuscripts already entered in other competitions may not be submitted.

Five copies of the work must be submitted by July 15, 2009, to the following address:

Verband Deutsche Nierenzentren (DN) e.V.
Priv. Doz. Dr. med. Werner Kleophas, President
Kleine Klotzbahn 23
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The members of the prize committee are chosen by the executive board of the DN. The president of the DN serves as chairman of the committee.

In the case in which no work is found suitable for the award, the prize money is carried over to the following year. An appeal is not allowed.

The award will be conferred at the Annual Meeting of the Association of German Nephrology Centers of the DN in Mannheim, Germany, on November 21, 2009. The presence of the award winner at the award ceremony is required. The award winner will be informed in due time.