



April 1, 2006

Re: Fifth Annual REGAL Awards Program

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I am pleased to announce the fifth annual **Research Excellence in GI and Liver (REGAL)** Awards Program competition and invite you to nominate a junior faculty member from your department to apply for an award.

The REGAL Awards Program seeks to identify junior faculty members or third-year fellows whose appointments began after July, 2001, in GI departments across the United States. Award applicants must demonstrate the ability to conduct important research in the areas of upper GI, lower GI, endoscopy, outcomes, or hepatobiliary research. This program will also help to foster career development and strengthen relationships between young scientists and their senior faculty.

Previous REGAL Award winners are not eligible. Nominees are invited to submit no more than one research publication from the last five years or an in-press preprint to enter the award competition. The Awards Program Steering Committee, made up of key opinion leaders in each of the research areas, will review the publications and select up to 15 winners. Applications will be judged on originality, significance, and impact of the published research in addition to the applicants' overall research credentials and productivity. Review and selection of winners rests solely with the Steering Committee. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award plus travel and lodging to attend a symposium on October 6-8, 2006, in Chicago, Illinois, where they will present a summary of their research.

The submission deadline is July 1, 2006. A complete submission package must include an application form, no more than one recent published article (or preprint with acceptance letter), a brief biography, and a signature of the applicant's department chair or research sponsor. All submissions must be made to the meeting organizer, Brookfield Resources, LLC.

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Please post this information in your department. Direct any questions to **REGAL@brxcom.com**.

We look forward to another exciting and informative program.
Sincerely,

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