The five grantees are:

**Rodolfo de Paula Vieira** (Freiburg, Germany) for his abstract entitled "Aerobic exercise reduces allergic airway inflammation and remodeling by deactivating airway epithelial cells and leukocytes".

**Emmet McGrath** (Sheffield, United Kingdom) for his abstract entitled "The role of TNF-related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL) in fibrotic lung disease".

**Martijn C. Nawijn** (Groningen, the Netherlands) for his abstract entitled "Airway epithelial protocadherin-1 expression is regulated by house-dust mite and cigarette smoke exposure in mice".

**Gero Niess** (Bad Nauheim, Germany) for his abstract entitled "The role of the accessory type III transforming growth factor-β receptors in the regulation of pulmonary vascular development".

**Robert Van Boerdonk** (Amsterdam, the Netherlands) for his abstract entitled "DNA copy number alterations in squamous metaplastic lesions predict lung cancer".

The grants will be presented during the Assembly 3 Members’ Meeting on Monday, 26 September, from 13:00-14:15 in Room D203-204.

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**Travel Grants for Sleep Medicine**

The three grants of €1000 each, sponsored by Geräte für Medizin GmbH + Co. KG, will be given to three authors who have submitted the best abstracts to Group 4.2 "Sleep and control of breathing", and who are 40 years of age, or under, at the time of the application deadline.

The three grantees are:

**Kursat Epozturk** (Sivas, Turkey) for his abstract entitled "Heart rate turbulence: In patients with obstructive sleep apnea without coronary artery diseases".

**Mercè Gasa** (Barcelona, Spain) for her abstract entitled "Optimizing the screening of OSA in patients undergoing bariatric surgery".

**Evangelia Nena** (Alexandroupolis, Greece) for her abstract entitled "Mean platelet volume in obstructive sleep apnea patients. Another link to cardiovascular disease?"

The grants will be presented during the Assembly 4 Members’ Meeting on Sunday, 25 September, from 13:00-14:15 in Room E104-106.

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**François Brenot Grant**

The grant of €1000, sponsored by AstraZeneca, will be given to the author who has submitted the best abstract to Group 4.3 "Pulmonary Circulation and Pulmonary Vascular Disease", and who is 35 years of age, or under, at the time of the application deadline.

The grantee is:

**Barbara Girerd** (Clamart, France) for her abstract entitled "Genetic counselling in pulmonary arterial hypertension: Experience from the French referral centre".

The grant will be presented during the Assembly 4 Members’ Meeting on Sunday, 25 September, from 13:00-14:15 in Room E104-106.

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**Excellence Grant in Clinical Physiology and Exercise**

The grant of €1500, sponsored by MEDGRAPHICS, will be given to the author who has submitted the best abstract to group 4.1 "Clinical Physiology and Exercise". The grantee is:

**Paul Woods** (Rochester, United States of America) for his abstract entitled "The usefulness of ventilatory gas analysis during low intensity exercise to define pulmonary hypertension".

The grant will be presented during the Assembly 4 Members’ Meeting on Sunday, 25 September, from 13:00-14:15 in Room E104-106.