

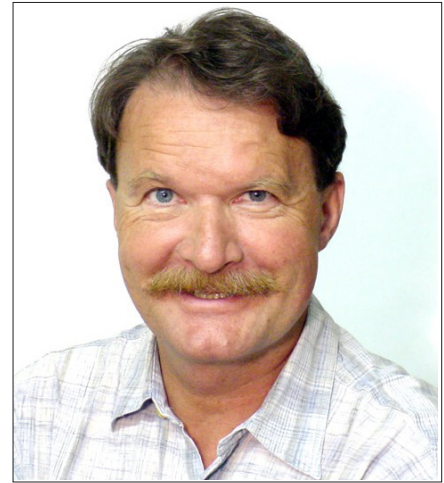
Professor Chris Bolliger Award

In mid-September 2017, Editor-in-Chief of the Karger journal *Respiration* Professor Felix Herth presented the Chris Bolliger Award at the European Respiratory Society Congress in Milan, Italy. Dr Daniela Gompelmann, principal investigator from the Translational Lung Research Center Heidelberg, Germany, is the first winner of this award. She has been honoured for the impact of the article 'Pneumothorax following endobronchial valve therapy and its impact on clinical outcomes in severe emphysema'.

The Chris Bolliger Award is granted to authors for outstanding scientific articles in the Karger journal *Respiration* for the first time. 'Chris Bolliger was a visionary editor

of the journal *Respiration* as well as a great researcher and mentor. It felt like a logical step to introduce an award named after him,' explained Felix Herth. The prize will be awarded annually.

It is dedicated to the late Chris Bolliger, an outstanding scientist in pulmonology and former Editor-in-Chief of *Respiration*. In accordance with the work and vision of Chris Bolliger, the prize will be awarded to scientists who present actual science in an evidence-based approach and have published an original article in the journal.



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Tobacco smoking results in over 7 million avoidable deaths annually and ~10% of all deaths in SA are attributed to tobacco smoking. SATS, along with the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS), has previously established policies to not accept funding from tobacco companies. The Society views organisations/institutions that are funded by tobacco industry money in an equivalent light. To accept funding, directly or indirectly, from a tobacco industry-related entity contradicts our mandate to promote lung health.

This position is aligned with that of the ATS and ERS and, as such, the Foundation for a Smoke-free World, established by Phillip Morris with expected tobacco industry funding of over USD80 million, is considered to be tobacco company funded, even though it professes to be free of influence from the tobacco industry.

As a Society, we will not accept research funding or other support, directly or indirectly, from any tobacco company-related source and we strongly encourage our members and colleagues to follow suit. SATS, like the ATS and ERS, will not allow publication or presentation of any research funded directly or indirectly by the tobacco industry at its meetings or in its journals.