

AGES RESEARCH GRANTS: 2003

The AGES Research Sub-Committee chaired by Prof. Ian Fraser has awarded grants in 2003 to three of ten grant applications.

AGES received some highly competitive applications, and the Sub-Committee had a difficult task to adjudicate between applications. All applications were sent to two independent referees. The final judging of the relative merit of applications was undertaken by individuals on the Sub-Committee who had no conflict of interest.

The successful applicants are:

1. Dr Michael Costello: \$26,000 for the project entitled "Trial of multimodal intraoperative analgesia for laparoscopic incision of endometriosis".
2. Dr Jenny Cook: \$15,000 to undertake a research project entitled "Trial comparing laparoscopic colposuspension and intravaginal sling for treatment of urodynamics stress incontinence."
3. Dr Luk Rombauts: \$10,000 in the first instance to undertake a developmental and feasibility study on "the Endoz study: trial of clinical and quality of life outcomes for surgical treatment of endometriosis".

All three applicants applied for a second year of funding, and they have been advised that these applications will be favourably reviewed by the Research Grant Subcommittee in late 2003, subject to a satisfactory detailed report on the progress of the research in the first 9-10 months of this year. Both an interim and final report are required,

It is anticipated that all grant recipients will submit their results for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Proper accounting of all projects is expected, and any unspent funds must be returned to AGES. A copy of the Institutional Ethics Committee approval is required before funds will be released.