

## THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SPECTACLE MAKERS



### THE 2017 RUSKELL MEDAL

Since receiving its Royal Charter in 1629, the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers has been at the forefront in encouraging research into ways of helping the visually impaired to see better.

Each year, the Company awards a bronze medal to encourage new entrants to the professions of ophthalmic and dispensing optics, ophthalmology and/or vision science to contribute to the advancement of our understanding of vision by publishing the results of their recent work.

The 2016 Ruskell Medal was awarded to Dr Jasmina Kapetanovic of Manchester University/Manchester Royal Eye Hospital.

The 2017 Ruskell Medal and the accompanying purse of £750 will be awarded to the first-named author of the best paper in the fields of ophthalmology or visual science for studies undertaken within the United Kingdom and published during the qualifying period (1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017). Submissions are welcomed from entrants at any stage of their research career.

Entrants for the 2017 Medal should forward one copy of their paper by email to [clerk@spectaclemakers.com](mailto:clerk@spectaclemakers.com) by 5pm on Friday 14 July 2017, together with a covering letter giving full details of the entrant, certifying that the entrant is the first named author and stating where and when it has been, or will be, published. The Clerk, Mrs Helen Perkins, will acknowledge all entries received and is the contact point for any queries about the competition.

Submissions are assessed by the Company's Professorial Committee, a small group of eminent scientists and academics drawn from various UK universities and colleges. The Committee will make its final decision by 1 September 2017.

The winner will then be invited to attend the Company's Court Luncheon at Apothecaries' Hall on Wednesday 4 October 2017 to receive the medal and purse from the Master Spectacle Maker.

**22 February 2017**