

Post-Antibiotic World

Essay Contest

The World Health Organization considers **antibiotic resistance** one of the greatest threats to global health. Experts fear that as the pace of bacteria developing resistance to antibiotics increases, and development of novel antibiotics lags behind, we will soon enter a “**post-antibiotic era**” where antibiotics no longer works most of the time. What will such a **post-antibiotic world** look like and how will the people cope?

Terms and Conditions:

1. The “Post-Antibiotic World – Essay Contest” is jointly organised by the Antimicrobial Resistance Programme at the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health located at the Tahir Foundation Building, 12 Science Drive, #10-01, Singapore 117549, and by the School of Life Sciences and Chemical Technology at Ngee Ann Polytechnic located at 535 Clementi Road, Singapore 559489 (“the Organiser”).
2. No entry fee is required to enter this contest.
3. By entering this contest, the participants agree to be bound by the terms and conditions (“Terms and Conditions”) spelled out below and to abide by the decision of the Organiser in all matters relating to the contest.

Contest:

1. We invite participants to submit an original English essay of up to 1,500 words, reflecting on the theme of the contest – “**Post-Antibiotic World**”. Participants can select any format or approach as they wish (i.e. we accept poetry, fiction, scientific communication with references, etc.) as long as the theme of the contest is met.
2. Submission of entries opens from 1st June 2017, 0800H and will close on 30th August 2017, 2359H. No further entries will be accepted after this date.
3. The contest is open to all students of Singapore schools and polytechnics age 13-20 years.
 - a) Persons who are involved in the planning, organisation, judging or any part of the contest, and their immediate family members are not qualified to participate in the contest.
 - b) Only one essay per participant will be judged for the contest.
4. Participants are required to submit their essays in the form of Microsoft Word documents or PDFs, with an accompanying short caption, to both the following email addresses: mdchly@nus.edu.sg and ldsg50feedback@gmail.com. Please include the following information in the caption:
 - a) Name of the participant submitting the essay.
 - b) School name and address.

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- c) Contact details, including email and handphone number.
 - d) Title of essay.
5. All essay entries will be confirmed by the Organiser, and subject to its approval. The Organiser who will have the sole discretion to disqualify any entry as it deems fit, including but not limited to essays that:
- a) Contain obscene, provocative, objectionable or otherwise inappropriate content.
 - b) Contain plagiarised content.
6. All essays:
- a) Should have a title page that includes the following information:
 - i. Name of the participant, including contact details such as phone number and/or email.
 - ii. School name and address.
 - iii. Title of video.
 - b) Must not have been written with professional or adult assistance.
 - c) Must be original work conceived and written solely by the participants. Plagiarisation will result in immediate disqualification (but we encourage references or footnotes if other work is cited).
 - d) Must not have been published elsewhere.
7. Ownership of the copyright of the essays remain with the participants, but by entering the contest, each participant consents to the use of his/her name, and/or pieces or parts thereof in any advertisements, educational materials, corpus research or media and publicity carried out or produced by the Organiser without further notice or compensation. The Organiser can choose to publish or use any submitted essays at its sole discretion.
8. Judging will occur from 2nd to 15th October 2017. The decision of the judges will be final.
9. Prizes will be presented during World Antibiotic Awareness Week (13th to 19th November 2017) at the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health – further details will be provided to the award winners. The following prizes will be available for the contest:
- a) Polytechnics and Junior Colleges
 - i. One First Place: \$500
 - ii. One Second Place: \$250
 - iii. Two Merit Awards: \$150
 - b) Secondary schools
 - i. One First Place: \$500
 - ii. One Second Place: \$250
 - iii. Two Merit Awards: \$150
10. The Organiser will not be responsible or liable for any loss or damage relating to or arising from the contest or the prizes awarded, regardless of the cause or reason.

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11. These Terms and Conditions will be governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore and the participants agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Singapore courts.