



Maria Luisa Bianchi Award



Announcement and invitation to nominate

MARIA LUISA BIANCHI AWARD 2026

The Maria Luisa Bianchi Award has been established by ICCBH to honour the memory of Professor Maria Luisa Bianchi for her role in establishing and developing ICCBH and for her significant impact on the field of paediatric bone disease through her research and clinical work. The Award reflects on her commitment to the development of the field and her unstinting willingness to contribute her time and effort for the benefit of all.

The goal of this nominated award is to recognise the work of female researchers and healthcare professionals towards the beginning of their careers who have already made a significant contribution to the field of paediatric bone health and who are based in low and middle income countries.

THE AWARD

The award winner will be offered all costs associated with joining the 12th International Conference on Children's Bone Health, 27-30 June 2026, in Montreal, Canada, including registration, accommodation and travel.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 31 January 2026

Nominations will be judged by an independent panel and the results announced in February 2026.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. A female researcher or healthcare professional working in a low or middle income country (World Bank criteria)
2. Under 40 years old

NOMINATION

The following nomination materials are required:

1. A covering letter on your letterhead outlining the reasons for your nomination. Maximum 2 pages. Please include the following:
 - a. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity?
 - b. At what stage is the candidate in her career?
 - c. Outline of her area of research or clinical care
 - d. Her accomplishments to date
 - e. How does the candidate represent the spirit of the award?
 - f. How will the award assist the candidate in her career?
2. The CV of the person you wish to nominate, including publications, if any

Please send by email to info@theiscbh.org by 31 January 2026.