

## Invitation to apply for the 2010 IOF – Servier Young Investigator Research Grant

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 IOF – Servier Young Investigator Research Grant. The grant of 40,000 Euros, generously supported by Servier in cooperation with IOF, supports young scientists who are carrying out outstanding original research of international relevance in the field of osteoporosis.

The grant will be awarded at the World Congress on Osteoporosis 2010 (IOFWCO – ECCEO10) to be held in

Florence, Italy from May 5–8, 2010. Grant applications are accepted from researchers 40 years of age or under at the time of submission. Further information, including detailed eligibility criteria and application forms, is available on the **IOF website**.

**The deadline for grant applications is September 15, 2009.**

## FRAX Slide Kit IOF launches educational slide kit to enhance understanding of FRAX®

Download free of charge from the IOF website

[www.iofbonehealth.org](http://www.iofbonehealth.org).

A concise yet comprehensive new teaching aid, the FRAX® Slide-kit, has been launched by the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) in cooperation with the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Metabolic Bone Diseases, University of Sheffield, UK. The educational slides can be downloaded free of charge from the IOF website at <http://www.iofbonehealth.org/health-professionals/frax.html>.

The FRAX® Slide-kit is intended as a teaching aid for healthcare professionals who want to enhance understanding of the WHO Fracture Risk Assessment tool (FRAX®) among their peers. It contains the most relevant information and visual aids as well as separate annotations which convey key messages for speakers and an up-to-date list of re-

ferences for further reading. The slides can be easily extracted for flexible use in separate presentations.

FRAX® is a simple web-based tool that integrates clinical information in a quantitative manner to predict a 10-year probability of major osteoporotic fracture for both women and men in different countries. The FRAX® calculation algorithm is derived from a series of meta-analyses using the primary data from population-based cohorts that have identified several clinical risk factors for fracture. At a primary health care level, FRAX® will assist clinicians to better target women and men in need of intervention, thus contributing to a better allocation of healthcare resources towards patients most likely to benefit from treatment. This practical online tool, currently available for 12 countries, can be accessed free of charge at <http://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/>.

Through the broad dissemination of the new slide kit, IOF hopes to contribute towards the improved understanding of FRAX® among health care professionals worldwide.