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## Five researchers get RM150,000 to conduct study in the field of oncology

**T**HE National Cancer Council (Makna) has allocated RM150,000 to five local researchers in the field of oncology (the study and research of cancer), marking yet another milestone for Makna in its mission to advance cancer treatment and research in Malaysia.

Beating 23 other applicants, the five researchers received their 'Cancer Research Award 2007' mock cheques at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) recently.

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"We hope to see better progress in cancer treatment one day," said Makna president Datuk Mohd Farid

Ariffin. Melanie Arul Arlusamy from Universiti Malaya received a RM40,000 grant, Prof Dr Zulqarnain Mohamed from UM, Prof Dr Loh Hwei San from University of Nottingham, Malaysia and Khaw Wan-Fei of Universiti Putra Malaysia were allocated RM30,000 each while Von Sze Tin from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman received RM20,000.

Also present at the ceremony were ASM president Tan Sri Dr Yusof Basiron, ASM executive director Datuk Dr Samsudin Tugiman, Makna general manager Farahida Mohd Farid, Makna honorary secretary Eric Lai and Makna exco member Prof Jafri Malin Abdullah.



**A much needed fund:** (From left) Jafri, Yusof, Farid and Samsudin at the Makna Cancer Research Award presentation ceremony.

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DATUK MOHD FARID ARIFFIN



**Melanie:** Received RM40,000 grant.