

Dr. Marlene Chakhtoura was selected for ASBMR Phoebe Leboy Professional Development Award, and received the plaque at the Presidents reception. Dr. Chakhtoura was selected based, amongst all international candidates for her abstract entitled: *"Vitamin D Replacement in Bariatric Surgery: a Critical Appraisal of Current Guidelines"*.

The selection by the awards committee was based on her score that was the highest amongst all international applicants! This was highlighted during all breaks, on all big screens, in all rooms, along with other ASBMR awards.

The Phoebe Leboy Professional Development Award is for a female young investigator who resides outside the United States. The award provides the resources needed for the selected individual to attend the ASBMR Annual Meeting, mentorship from senior women in related areas of research, and membership in ASBMR.

