

Call for entries for the SGP/SSP Talent Prize 2009

Articles have to be received no later than January 15, 2010. No submissions are accepted after this date.

Background

An annual prize for the best scientific article prepared by a trainee has been authorized by the SGP membership at its 2008 meeting in Lugano. The Society thought to restrict the contest to physicians in training. The focus of the trainee's work should be on some aspect of pediatrics, be it in basic science, translational science, or clinical medicine. The trainee's work should be performed entirely or at least partly in Switzerland. Judgment will be based on a written article describing work done by the trainee him/herself and will consider originality, completeness, scientific accuracy, and contribution to science. Contestants must have been in training when the work reflected in the article was performed, and must still be in the training period or not more than one year thereafter at the time of submission. The applicant's mentor must certify both these points and comment the contribution of the trainee.

General Information

The article should be prepared as though for official publication (see Instructions for Authors), and should be prepared in English. The prize will consist of complementary registration fees for the SGP meeting, and 5 000.- CHF.

It is expected that the winner will present his/her work at the time of the SGP meeting. Manuscripts must not have been submitted to any journal prior to January 1, 2009. It is further understood that the winning article may have co-authors, but that the first author must be the trainee who is awarded the SGP Prize. The manuscript should be accompanied by a letter stating the contribution of each co-author. It is further understood that all entries must be sponsored by the trainee's head of department certifying that the work reported is by the trainee him/herself and that the entrant is a trainee in good standing. The head of department does not have to be a member of SGP.

The SGP will provide time during the annual meeting for the presentation of the winning paper. The time allowed will be decided by the Local Program Committee. The winning article will be printed and distributed to all participants during the conference.

Instructions for Authors

Articles must adequately describe the objectives and results of the research so that the quality, originality and completeness of the work can be evaluated by the panel of judges. The article should contain: an introduction indicating the purpose of the study; a description of pertinent exper-

imental procedures, including statistical evaluation where appropriate; a summary of the results; and a statement of the conclusions.

Authors must accept sole responsibility for the statements in their articles. Authors must submit, together with their article, their curriculum vitae. Authors should also provide the names and complete addresses of one or two suitable people in the field of their submission who could act as independent reviewers. Authors should also indicate to whom they do not wish to have their manuscripts sent for review.

The article should be sent, together with a covering letter from the author's mentor, to the address below:

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