

GUIDELINES – SWISS LUNG ASSOCIATION AWARD

Every year, the Swiss Lung Association (Lungenliga Schweiz) awards a prize on the occasion of the annual Congress of the Swiss Respiratory Society. This prize is to reward the first author(s) of the best publication in the field of clinical and respiratory research, as well as epidemiology, diagnosis, disease management and translational research.

Note: The Swiss Lung Association supports international standards for authors according to the ethics in publishing statement.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Articles need to be submitted by the first author (the applicant). Applicants must be no older than 39 at the time of the submission deadline. Applications are accepted via online platform only. **NEW Rules for co-first authorship: two junior co-first authors are eligible to apply for the prize. A junior and a senior co-first author can only apply if the junior author is in the first authorship position.**
2. Applicants may submit no more than one paper as first author, and are encouraged to submit only their best work.
3. Submitted articles must address a topic in the field of clinical or respiratory research, or epidemiology, diagnosis, disease management and translational research, alternatively, and they have to be already published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
4. Submitted articles must represent either the work of a group based in Switzerland or the work of a former Swiss resident, currently working in a research group abroad for a maximum of three years. In the latter case, the candidate must provide a letter from the future employer, attesting his/her return to Switzerland.
5. Only investigator-initiated studies are eligible for the award. Clinical projects for which the industry is the main sponsor will not be considered.
6. The award is restricted to research from original data (primary research). Review articles or meta-analyses will not be considered.
7. Only articles published in the year preceding the SGP/SSP Congress, or accepted for publication (“in press”) as of December 31st of the year preceding the Congress are eligible for the award.

SUBMISSION

8. Applicants must meet the application deadline. Applications sent after this date will not be considered for the award.
9. Applicants must send their application via online platform <https://proposalcentral.altum.com>
10. Applications must be submitted as pdf files of the paper reprint for already published articles, or of the manuscript for “in press” articles, respectively. Articles with “in press” status must be accompanied by a copy of the journal Editor’s final acceptance letter.

AWARDING

11. Submitted articles will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the Swiss Lung Association.
12. The prize will be awarded to the first author of the best article by the president of the Swiss Lung Association and the president of the Research Committee during the awards ceremony of the annual SGP/SSP Congress. **NEW for shared co-first authorship: Two junior co-first authors will share the prize**

equally. If a junior and a senior share first authorship (given they are eligible to apply according to eligibility rule 1) the prize will go to the junior author fully.

13. The decision of the committee is final. No contestation or objection will be considered concerning the decision of the Swiss Lung Association. The English version of these rules prevails.