



PRIZE RULES, REGULATIONS FOR POSTERS AND PAPERS AT 2021 ANNUAL CONGRESS

1. PRIZES

The Swiss Society of Gastroenterology (SGG/SSG), the Swiss Visceral Surgeons (SGVC-SSCV) and the Swiss Association for the Study of the Liver (SASL) will confer the following prizes at the 2021 Annual Congress:

1.1 Gastroenterology Prize

The **Gastroenterology Prize** is awarded for an original paper in the field of gastroenterology.

The research work must have been published in the current or the previous year, or must have been accepted for publication at the time of the submission deadline **(31.05.2021)**. The prize will only be awarded to researchers whose results were obtained principally in Switzerland. In the case of multicentre studies, these must have been coordinated from Switzerland and the research protocol must also have been drawn up here. **The prize will be donated by the Swiss Society of Gastroenterology. The prize money is CHF 10,000.–.**

1.2 Prize for Hepatology

The **Prize for Hepatology** is awarded for an original paper in the field of hepatology.

The research work must have been published in the current or the previous year, or must have been accepted for publication at the time of the submission deadline **(31.05.2021)**. The prize will only be awarded to researchers whose research results were obtained principally in Switzerland. In the case of multicentre studies, these must have been coordinated from Switzerland and the research protocol must also have been drawn up here. **The prize will be donated by the Swiss Association for the Study of the Liver. The prize money is CHF 10,000.–.**

1.3 Surgery Prize

The **Surgery Prize** will be awarded for an original paper in the field of clinical visceral surgery research. The research work must have been published in the current or the previous year, or must have been accepted for publication at the time of the submission deadline **(31.05.2021)**. The prize will only be awarded to researchers whose research results were obtained principally in Switzerland. In the case of multicentre studies, these must have been coordinated from Switzerland and the research protocol must also have been drawn up in Switzerland.

The prize will be donated by the Swiss Visceral Surgeons. The prize money is CHF 5,000.–.

1.4 Research Advancement Prizes

Up to 4 research advancement prizes for promising projects from the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology and visceral surgery will be awarded to young colleagues under the age of 35.

The prize may only be awarded once to the same person.

The following supporting documents are requested for an application for a research advancement prize:

- Brief description of previous scientific activity and the planned research project (max. 2 pages A4)
- Curriculum vitae with list of publications

The research advancement prizes will be donated by SGG, SGVC and SASL. The prize money is CHF 5,000.- per award.

1.5 Poster prizes

3 poster prizes (subscriptions) will be sponsored by the company S. Karger.

2. PRIZE COMMITTEE

The prize committee is identical to the scientific committee of the SGG/SSG. It comprises the heads of the scientific committee and 5 to 8 other members of the SGG/SSG, the SGVC/SSCV and the SASL (cf. SGG/SSG Statutes, Article 14).

The President of the Congress may call in external experts.

The committee has the following tasks:

- publicising the invitation to submit applications for prizes in a proper and timely manner;
- compliance with the prize rules in awarding the annual prizes;
- to officiate as the jury for prize applications (in the event of a tie, the head of the prize committee has the casting vote);
- publication of the names of the prize winners in the most important Swiss medical journals and on the convention website <http://www.sgg-sgvc-congress.ch/>.

3. REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRIZES UNDER SECTIONS 1.1 – 1.4

- 3.1 Applications are to be submitted online via <http://www.sgg-sgvc-congress.ch/> by **May 31, 2021**.
- 3.2 Research papers by the same author will only be considered for a single prize.
- 3.3 A curriculum vitae and a list of publications must accompany all applications for prizes.
- 3.4 A brief description of previous scientific activity and the planned research project (max. 2 A4 pages) must accompany all applications for a research advancement prize.
- 3.5 Research papers submitted for a prize that have only been submitted for publication but have not yet been published will only be evaluated if written evidence regarding the paper's acceptance in the respective journal is enclosed with the prize application. The research papers must have been accepted for publication at the time of the submission deadline **(31.05.2021)**.
- 3.6 Prize applications without the required supporting documents will not be taken into consideration.
- 3.7 If only one application is submitted per prize and the application's scientific merit is considered to be inadequate, the prize committee has the authority not to award the respective prize.

4. REVIEW PROCESS FOR PRIZES UNDER SECTIONS 1.1 – 1.4

- 4.1 Prize applications are assessed and commented on by members of the prize committee in a standardised manner.
- 4.2 The committee will finalise the prize awards with the aid of the available initial assessment.
- 4.3 Members of the prize committee will step down in the case of prize applications from their own working group/clinic.
- 4.4 Decision-making is based on scientific relevance.
- 4.5 The voting and decision-making criteria are secret.
- 4.6 There is no right of appeal with regard to award decisions.

5. REVIEW PROCESS FOR POSTER PRIZES UNDER SECTION 1.5

- 5.1 Posters will be reviewed during the congress by a panel appointed by the scientific chairman of the congress.

6. AWARD CEREMONY (Applicable for all listed prizes)

The prizes will be awarded during the social evening which will be held on the **September 09, 2021 at the Hotel Victoria-Jungfrau in Interlaken** in the presence of the three professional societies as well as industry representatives. Prize winners are expected to attend the event.

7. Rules for assessment of abstracts

- 7.1 Abstracts must be submitted electronically by 31.05.2021, 24:00 h.
- 7.2 The Conference President SGG/SGVC/SASL, where applicable with the aid of the scientific committee, will allocate abstracts to competent reviewers. Every abstract must be assessed by at least 3 reviewers.
- 7.3 Reviewers must assess all the abstracts allocated to them. They must not assess abstracts from their own working group/clinic. If an abstract has fewer than 3 votes, an additional reviewer will be engaged for the relevant group of abstracts.
- 7.4 It is the responsibility of the scientific committee to decide which abstract is displayed as a paper and which as a poster. The Conference President or the representatives of SGG, SGVC and SASL will make the final decision.
- 7.5 Abstracts may be refused without reasons being given.
- 7.6 The voting and decision-making criteria are secret.

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