



PRIZE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR POSTERS AND PAPERS AT THE 2025 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 2024 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 previous year, or must have been accepted for publication at the time of the submission deadline

(31.05.2025). 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

(31.05.2025). 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 **(31.05.2025)**. 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

4 poster prizes will be donated by SGG, SGVC, and SASL. One poster prize will be awarded in each of the following categories: gastroenterology, endoscopy, hepatology, and surgery. The prizes will be awarded to the poster presenters (first authors) with the highest cumulative scores (ranked by the Scientific Abstract Committee (50% of the total score) and the quality of the oral poster presentation at the Poster Walk (scoring by Poster Chairs, 50% of the total score)). In case of equal scores, the award will be given to the presenter with the higher score in the oral poster presentation. In the event of a tie, the congress president will determine the poster prize recipient.

The prize money is CHF 1,000.- per award and will be awarded after the Poster Walk.

In addition, the company **S. Karger** will donate for each winner "Gastrix" and a voucher (no article processing charges of a publication in "Inflammatory Intestinal Diseases" in 2024).

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.

In case of the poster prizes, 50% of the total scores will be given by the Poster Chairs (see details in 1.5).

The committee has the following tasks:

- to publicise the invitation to submit applications for prizes in a proper and timely manner;
- to comply 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);
- to publish the names of the prize winners in the "Schweizerische Ärztezeitung", in the "Swiss Medical Weekly", on the convention website <http://www.sgg-sgvc-congress.ch/> and on the website www.sggssg.ch.

3. REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRIZES UNDER SECTIONS 1.1 – 1.4

3.1 Applications have to be submitted online via <http://www.sgg-sgvc-congress.ch/> by **May 31, 2025**.

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. two 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 **(31.05.2025)**.
- 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 to not award the respective prize.

4. REVIEW PROCESS FOR PRIZES UNDER SECTIONS 1.1 – 1.4

- 4.1 Prize applications are assessed and rated by international experts
- 4.2 The committee will select the prize winners based on the ratings and recommendations of the international experts.
- 4.3 Members of the prize committee will step down in the case of prize applications from their own working group/clinic.
- 4.4 There is no right of appeal with regard to award decisions.

5. REVIEW PROCESS FOR POSTER PRIZES UNDER SECTION 1.5

- 5.1 Posters abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee (50% of the total score), while posters will be reviewed during the Poster Walk at the congress by a scientific panel (Poster Chairs; 50% of the total score) appointed by the scientific chairman of the congress (see also the details given in section 1.5).

6. AWARD CEREMONY

The gastroenterology, hepatology, surgery, and research advancement prizes will be awarded during the social evening which will be held on the **September 11, 2025 in Interlaken** in the presence of the three professional societies as well as industry representatives. Prize winners are expected to attend the event. The prize winner gastroenterology, hepatology, and surgery are asked to present the summary of their work in the prize winner session on September 12, 2024, 10.30 am.

Markus Heim, Congress-Chairman, April 1st, 2025