



## ANNUAL AWARD OF THE BELGIAN PAIN SOCIETY

### Application for the year 2017

1. The Belgian Pain Society has installed the “Annual BPS Award” to recognize and foster the scientific work of a young researcher in the field of pain. The topic of the Award will alternate between basic science and clinical science.
2. Eligibility requirements :
  - the candidate must be less than 40 years of age
  - the submission is an original research work in the field of pain (physiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, management, economical or psychosocial aspects, ... ), that was conducted in Belgium by the candidate, and has not been awarded by or submitted for another prize. As such, the text should not have been published yet. Scientific work, however, that only has been presented as a poster, is acceptable. The applicant’s supervisor adds a formal statement that the work was conducted in Belgium and primarily by the candidate.
  - the text of the original research work will be composed in English, Dutch or French, submitted according to the *Instructions to Authors* of the journal *PAIN*, and be limited to 25 pages (A4, double spaced), including the References.
  - the candidate also includes a short CV
  - if requested, the candidate is willing to submit the results to the jury.Please submit the above requested documents by mail in 1 pdf file.
3. The jury consists of Dr. M. Dangoisse (Charleroi) , Prof. A. De Laat (KULeuven, chair), Prof. J. Devulder (UGent), Prof. L. Goubert (UGent), Prof. L. Plaghki (UCL), Prof. B. Morlion (UZ Leuven) and Dr. J. De Witte (Olvz Aalst). The President of the Belgian Pain Society, Prof. G. Hans (UZA) is a member *ex officio*.
4. The submission will be evaluated according to the following characteristics :
  - originality and potential of the project
  - scientific value
  - educational value- therapeutic value and applicability
  - presentation, style, clarity, bibliography
5. The Award will be presented on the occasion of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Belgian Pain Society (10<sup>th</sup> June 2017). The winner agrees to present his/her work during the plenary session.
6. The Board of the Belgian Pain Society will determine the amount of the prize every year. In case of *ex aequo*, the prize may be split in two. It is possible that the Award will not be granted in case none of the submissions reaches the desired level. The decisions of the jury are final and not debatable.
7. For the year 2017, the Award focuses on **basic science** and will be accompanied by 5000Euro.
8. Submissions should be sent before **April 1st, 2017** to :  
BPS Office c/o Conny Goethals via email [info@belgianpainsociety.org](mailto:info@belgianpainsociety.org) or  
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