



ANNUAL AWARD OF THE BELGIAN PAIN SOCIETY

Application for the year 2019

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 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
 - the candidate only submits 1 application per year
 - 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 Award committee is composed by 7 members (ideally 1 per university with a balance between clinical and basic research) + the president of the BPS ex officio. Each member is proposed to the BPS board for a max of two consecutive 3-years appointment. This renewal is concomitant to the renewal of the BPS board. In case of conflicting (or lack of) proposition by the universities, the BPS board shall decide.
 4. The committee is responsible for the 10-points scientific evaluation (0 to max 2 points per criteria). This evaluation will be done on the basis of the report of two external peer-reviewers, selected by the Award committee. The scientific evaluation :
 - will ensure that the project is scientifically robust,
 - will be done separately by two scientific evaluators of the BPS steering committee, who will be free to ask advice from experts in specific fields,
 - will assess the scientific relevance/interest and scientific quality/completeness of the description (for potential guidance, see the scientific guidelines on the equator network website <http://www.equator-network.org/>)
 - using the following criteria (each scoring 0 to 2), directly derived from the PICOS framework:
 1. Concerned (patients) population or addressed problem is described.
 2. Considered intervention (e.g. treatment, education program) is described.
 3. A method of comparison is possible and described (e.g. a control group or period to evaluate the effect of the considered intervention).
 4. A reliably measurable main outcome is described.
 5. A study design is described.
- The work must adhere to common ethical guidelines and be relevant for the pain management/science.
5. The Award will be presented on the occasion of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Belgian Pain Society (18th May 2019). 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 up for debate.
7. For the year 2019, the Award focuses on **basic science** and will be accompanied by 5000Euro.
8. Submissions should be sent before **April 1st, 2019 to :**
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