

Research Prize on Clinical Neurosciences

SFCNS Award 2010

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The new **Swiss Federation of Clinical Neuro-Societies SFCNS** is a federation of accredited medical societies and professional associations with a background and main interest in the field of the clinical neurosciences (for more information see also www.sfcns.ch). Its aim is to promote the clinical neurosciences in Switzerland and to strengthen the interdisciplinary collaboration with other neuroscientific organisations. In close collaboration with one of its main sponsors, Merck Serono, the SFCNS promotes a grant for scientific research in this field.

The grant amounts to CHF 10'000.- and will be given for the first time in 2010, at the occasion of the first congress of the SFCNS, during the official founding ceremony. The grant will be awarded at the occasion of the SFCNS conferences, which will take place in intervals of 3 years.

Announcement and criteria for the award

A jury rates the submitted study projects. The criteria will be officially published on the website of the SFCNS and its congress website, the SAEZ (Schweizerische Ärztezeitung) and on the websites of member societies of the SFCNS.

Application criteria

The submitted project should describe a current or planned research project.

Applicants must have a Swiss medical degree and have a broad experience and interest in the field of the clinical neurosciences. Their qualification will be judged depending on experience, publications and the involved research group. The applicant should be the principal investigator and/or the first author of the publication.

The candidate should be younger than the age of 45 and should not have the habilitation completed yet.

Deadline
Submission of the project:
March 10, 2010

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The application should include the manuscript in pdf and doc-file as well as the CV of the applicant and should be sent by e-mail to:

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Assessment criteria of the research project

The following criteria will be deciding for the awarding:

- Clinical interdisciplinary project
- Relevance of the study for the research in clinical neurosciences
- Content of the study plan
 - Study design
 - Validity of hypothesis
 - Scientific background, etc.
- Originality

Evaluation

Every jury member rates every study following the criteria mentioned above:

First place: 3 points	Second place: 2 points	Third place: 1 point
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The winner is the applicant with the highest rated research project. The actual president of the SFCNS is the final judge in case of equality.

Jury

The jury has 7 members, which are chosen from the delegates, the board and the president, which presides the jury at the same time. The jury can consult experts if necessary.

Deadlines

Submission of the project: March 10, 2010
Announcement of the winner: June 2, 2010