

Award “Educational Grant SIC / Sysmex”

“Award for the Best Research Work in Clinical and Translational Cytometry”

”Premio Mejor Trabajo de Investigación en Citometría Clínica y Traslacional”

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REGULATION

Of the Award

Article 1

1. The “Educational Grant SIC/ Sysmex for Best Research Work in Clinical and Translational Cytometry” in the amount of 3.000€ will be awarded to the best original work in the field of Clinical and Translational Flow Cytometry, presented by Spanish or Portuguese researchers or by a research group based in either Portugal or Spain.
2. In case more than one manuscript is awarded, the prize shall be divided, in equal parts.
3. The awardees will be awarded diplomas signed by the President of the SIC Board and the designated representative of Sysmex, along with the monetary counterparts.
4. After the work is concluded, the awardees shall prepare a webinar presenting the results of their work. The webinar shall be displayed in the webpage of SIC.

Selection of the Work to be awarded

Article 2

1. To be considered for the contest, the original paper must be sent to the SIC Board secretariat (secretaria.tecnica@citometria.org) respecting the deadlines and formats defined in each edition of the Award.
2. The first author of the work must be a Portuguese or Spanish researcher, or a member of a research group based in either Portugal or Spain. Also, the first author shall be at junior level, either a PhD student or a Post-Doctoral fellow having obtained his/her PhD title no more than 5 years before the deadline of the Award.
3. To be considered for the Award, the works in contest can either be unpublished work, or a paper that has been published over the last year before the call opening, i.e. until December 31st of the preceding year.
4. Before the documents are distributed to the Jury, the SIC Board secretariat will verify the regulatory standards and shall notify applicants if necessary.
5. The Jury of the Award shall establish the criteria for the evaluation of the works in contest, considering at least these parameters: originality, scientific relevance, and future application.
6. To be considered for the Award, the works submitted must be written in English.

Jury

Article 3

1. The Jury of the Educational Grant SIC/ Sysmex shall consist of 4 to 5 members of the SIC Board, along with an ad-hoc panel of 1 or 2 experts in Flow Cytometry, that shall be invited for each edition of the Award, and a representative of Sysmex.
2. The function of the Sysmex representative will be merely observational.
3. The Jury shall be chaired by the President of the SIC Board.
4. The decisions of the Jury shall be taken by absolute majority and there shall be no appeal. In case of tie, the Chairman of the Jury shall have a casting vote.
5. The Jury may aggregate, without the right to vote, one or more elements of recognized competence whenever the appreciation of specialized work justify it.
6. The Jury may not award the prize if no relevant work is presented to contest.

7. Minutes of the meeting of the Jury will be drawn up by the members.

Deadlines

Article 4

1. The annual call for submission of eligible works shall be open from February 22st to march 17th.
2. The jury shall evaluate all submitted works before the 31st of March. For this purpose, two meetings can be scheduled, sponsored by Sysmex.
3. Results shall be publicly announced during the SIC Biannual Congress.

Proclamation of the Award

Article 5

1. The proclamation of the awarded work shall be made through the email account the authors used to register their participation, and the results will also be made public in the webpages of SIC (<http://www.citometria.org/index.php>) and Sysmex España.
2. The proclamation of the awarded work shall be made within 15 days of the Jury's decision.
3. The symbolic delivery of the prize diploma shall be made during the next Biannual SIC congress dinner or in the closure session, according to the congress organization.
4. The Biannual SIC congress secretariat shall send a communication to all the participants with the names and titles of the awarded works.
5. The symbolic delivery in each congress should contemplate the winners of the two previous editions of the Award.

Financial Support

Article 6

1. The Award is financially supported by Sysmex España S.L., a company incorporated under the laws of Spain with a registered address in Frederic Mompou, 4B Planta 2, 08960 – Sant Just Desvern, Spain.
2. The Award shall be provided to support independent medical education, research, or projects in accordance with the MedTech Europe Code of Business Practice and all applicable laws, regulations and country-specific industry codes of conduct.
3. Sysmex España S.L., shall pay the defined value (3.000€) to the order of the Award Recipient. The Grant shall be all inclusive (except for VAT) and final, and Sysmex España S.L. shall not be liable to pay any additional compensation or fee.
4. Payment will be made to the Grant Recipient within thirty (30) days of the Award proclamation.
5. The Programme of the next Biannual SIC Congress shall not promote any Company's products or services, directly or indirectly.
6. Sysmex España S.L. shall not have any involvement in any way in the selection of the winner.
7. Sysmex España S.L. will publicly disclose this educational grant in accordance with the provisions of the MedTech Europe Code of Business Practice.

Awardee

Article 7

1. The Grant will not be used for:
 - Direct or indirect promotion of Sysmex's medical products or services;
 - Support of off-label use of any product;
 - Payment by the Grant Recipient of exhibit or display fees for its promotion and services;
 - Support of charitable programs;
 - Payment for organizational overhead such as purchase of capital equipment, software and non-medical staff training.
2. The Grant Recipient may use the Grant only as described above. Any change in the intended use of the Grant must be approved in advance by Sysmex España S.L. in writing.

Final disclosures

Article 8

1. The cases not covered by this regulation will be resolved by the SIC Board in collaboration with Sysmex España S.L.