THE EFP-CLINICAL RESEARCH PRIZE IN PERIODONTOLOGY

The EFP Clinical Research Prize was instituted by the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) in 1995 with the object of promoting research in Europe.

The Prize is awarded once every three years at the EuroPerio Conference. It is open to all members of the Periodontal Societies, which are part of the European Federation of Periodontology.

The research work must not be previously published or presented in any meeting. The manuscripts should be prepared according to the principles presented in "Instructions to Authors" in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology (JCP), as the best three entries will be published in this Journal.

Candidates should send their manuscripts to the Chairman of the Session in the Conference, at least eight months prior to the conference date.

A panel of 5 adjudicators, consisting of the Editor of J.C.P., two Associate Editors of the same Journal, one member selected by the Executive Committee of the EFP (Chairman of this Session) and one member of the EuroPerio organising Committee, will select 3 manuscripts for the final competition, which will be published in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology.

The Organising Committee will inform the three nominees of this prize (first authors who must present the paper) and will invite them to EuroPerio Conference, at least three months prior to the Conference date.

Accommodation, travel expenses and registration fees will be paid for the invited persons by the EFP.

Each research worker will present his/her work in an oral presentations of 20 minutes duration, followed by a 10 minutes discussion period. The winner will be selected on the merits of the submitted manuscript, as well as on the oral presentation and subsequent discussion period. The winner will receive a prize of Sfr 10,000, together with a Certificate.
Evaluation criteria for the EFP Clinical Research prize competition

1. The significance for periodontology
   a. Clinical implications
   b. Applicability
   c. Understanding mechanisms

2. Innovative character
   a. Originality of the hypothesis
   b. Implications for changes of thoughts in periodontology

3. Scientific quality
   a. Clear hypothesis
   b. Experimental design
   c. Data quality
   d. Statistical methodology

4. Quality of the paper
   a. Readability
   b. Adequacy of introduction and discussion
   c. Language use
   d. Clear conclusions

5. Quality of oral presentation
   a. Performance
   b. Comprehensibility
   c. Structure of presentation
   d. Slides
   e. Response to questions

A score from 1 to 5 may be given to each of the four quality areas.