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## Rudolph Speich Award The SSPH Research Prize 2024

The Swiss Society for Pulmonary Hypertension SSPH is delighted to provide a research prize for the best publication on PH in Switzerland in 2024 again.

The announcement of the winner will take place during the **next General Assembly on:**

**Thursday, May 30th, 2024**

**Kongresszentrum Trafo in Baden**

**During the [SSP Congress](#) May 29th – 31st, 2024**

**The prize is rated CHF 2000.—** and will be awarded to the best published or submitted paper in the field of Pulmonary Hypertension.

### **Announcement and criteria for the award**

A jury rates the incoming study projects. The criteria will be officially published on the website of the SSPH and sent to all members of the society.

### **Application criteria**

The manuscript should be recently (<12 months) either published in a peer-review journal or in press in the field of PH. Applicants must hold a recognized MD or PhD degree, be currently employed by a medical institution within Switzerland and have a broad experience and interest in the field of PH. Their qualification will be judged depending on experience, publications and their involvement in their institution:

- The applicant should be the first author of the publication/submitted paper and/or the principal investigator.
- The applicant should be younger than 45 years.
- The applicant should not be a university professor.
- At least one member of the research group must be member of the SSPH.

For research proposals, the application shall include a three pages research proposal or the manuscript in pdf and the CV of the applicant.

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### **Assessment criteria of the research project**

The following criteria will be considered for the awarding:

Relevance of the research proposal/publication in the field of PH including content, study design, quality of hypothesis, scientific background as well as originality and impact.

### **Jury**

The jury consists of the members of the SSPH Scientific Committee. The jury can consult external experts if necessary.

### **Evaluation**

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

*First place: 3 points. Second place: 2 points. Third place: 1 point*

The winner is the applicant of the highest rated research project. Members of the jury cannot vote for the applicant from their own institution at the hospital level. The president of the SSPH Scientific Committee is the final judge in case of equality. A written protocol of the decision will be established by the SSPH Scientific Committee. No contestation by the applicant will be considered.

### **Deadlines**

**Please submit your application until **April 20th, 2024** by email to the SSPH office to: [ssph@imk.ch](mailto:ssph@imk.ch)**