

Young Scientist Awards at the 9th Conference of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology (CSBSP9)

The Young Scientist Awards serve the purpose of recognizing outstanding presentations of early-career scientists during CSBSP9. Awards will be given for 1 oral presentation and 1 poster presentation. Oral and poster presentations are judged separately for a more equal comparison among competitors. If there are 4 or less entries in either category, oral and poster presentations will be judged together and 2 awards will be given, regardless of type of presentation. Young scientists will be asked if they are willing to participate in YSA during online Registration. The awards are given based on specific criteria, and not affected by the presenter's academic status, ethnicity, gender or country of origin. Winners will be determined based on the highest mean score in each category (oral or poster) as judged by an appointed jury. In the event of a tie, the score with the smallest standard deviation will win. In addition, there will be a third award, selected by the audience.

The awards will be announced before SBSP general assembly, Friday 23, April 2021.

Eligibility of candidate:

1. The Young Scientist Award competitor (the candidate) must be a member of the SBSP with membership fee paid at the start of the CSBSP9.
2. Must be a student (for defining 'student', any education is considered).
3. Previous winners of the award are not eligible but runner-ups are eligible.
4. Candidates must register to conference and submit an abstract (website <http://www.csbsp9.eu/>).
5. If the poster or oral presentation is co-authored the candidate must be the presenting author.
6. The presentation must represent a body of independent or joint research in which the candidate's contribution has been substantial.
7. The candidate can enter more than one abstract for the Young Scientist Award.

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES' ELIGIBILITY

A. Judges will be selected based on knowledge/contribution to their field of research. The Vice-President of SBSP is responsible for suggesting judges representing different disciplines to the board, which makes the decision on the potential judges. The Vice-President contacts the potential judges and emails them judging guidelines and assessment forms.

B. Board members will always make up a portion of the jury.

C. Potential judges will be contacted prior to the meeting to ascertain their interest and availability. All judges will be provided with a written set of judging criteria. A brief meeting of the committee at the start of the conference will provide orientation to assure that all judges use the same criteria for judging.

D. To avoid bias or conflict of interest, judges should not be e.g. supervisor or collaborator for the candidates or, if unavoidable, shall abstain from grading such candidates.

E. Judges meet beforehand to review guidelines and afterwards to vote.

F. Judges rate presentations based on specific decided criteria. In case of a tie, the score with the smallest standard deviation will win. However, judges may decide on a joint award.

G. Judges should consider returning score sheets to the Vice-President so that the score sheets can be provided to students as feedback.

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Criteria of evaluated presentation		Maximum points
<i>Abstract</i>	concise and accurate summary; follows the presentation	10
<i>Introduction</i>	clear objectives and background	10
<i>Methods</i>	clearly explained	10
<i>Results</i>	logical; clear; strength of data	10
<i>Conclusion</i>	based on presented results; clear on principal points	10
<i>Presentation oral/poster</i>	voice clear; loud enough; voice modulations appropriate; eye contact maintained / ability to cover material; enthusiasm	20
<i>Audiovisuals</i>	well organized; appropriate number for length of talk; simple to understand; not cluttered	
<i>Organization and timing oral/poster</i>	logical sequence; appropriate length for each section; adhere to allotted time/space; logical sequence of information	10
<i>Quality</i>	appropriate figures/tables; readability of text	10
<i>Understanding of subject</i>	presenter has good grasp of study and related areas; ability to deal with questions	20
<i>Impact of presentation on audience oral/poster</i>	audience attentive due to quality, subject and/or innovativeness of the presentation / clear take-home message; contribution to scientific discipline	10
TOTAL:		120