XLII NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICAL STUDENTS

RULES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

On the occasion of the International Day of the XLIII Edition of the National Congress of Medical Students, and its 21st International Edition, to be held on October 27, 2025, the following rules are established for the awards to the best presentations of that day.

Contest Characteristics and Participant Profile:

- 1. Any student currently enrolled in a medical degree program at any university in Spain (including UMH) or abroad may apply for the award.
- 2. The first author must necessarily be a student and cannot appear as the first author on more than one project.
- 3. If multiple students participated in the project, they must be listed in alphabetical order by surname, and it must be clearly stated that their contribution was equal.
- 4. Projects may address any scientific topic related to subjects covered in the medical curriculum.
- 5. It must be clearly indicated that the work is competing for the International Award. A PDF document (PowerPoint style) with a maximum of 5 slides (which will be used during the presentation) must be submitted to the Scientific Committee. The slides must have sufficient resolution to assess the quality of the illustrations and must be accompanied by an abstract of up to 500 words.
- 6. All submissions must be in English.

Contest Procedure and Evaluation Criteria:

To understand the format and requirements, please refer to the document titled "Style Guidelines and Project Specifications"

The projects will be preselected by the International Committee, based on criteria such as quality, relevance, and timeliness of the topic. A maximum of 18 projects will be selected. All selected participants must attend the International Day to present their work during the designated time slot. Failure to attend will result in disqualification.

Projects will be anonymously evaluated by the members of the Scientific Committee. Evaluation will be based on: quality of the information and research (content) and quality of the presentation and ability to respond to questions.

Each presentation will be limited to 5 minutes, using the previously submitted slides. After each presentation (or group of presentations), the moderators will choose one question from the audience per presenter, based on relevance and interest. The presenter must answer this question in a maximum of 1 minute.

The winners of the various awards will be announced during the International Day, before the closing ceremony.

Submissions must be sent in PDF format to the Scientific Committee by October 19, 2025, to the following email address: cientifico.cnem@umh.es.

However, the Scientific Committee must be informed of the intention to participate in the Dean's Award by October 5, 2025, by sending an email to: cientifico.cnem@umh.es.

Participation implies acceptance of these rules.

Awards

- 1. First Prize of €100 for the best project.
- 2. Second Prize of €50 for the second-best project.
- 3. "Rising Star" Award of €50 for the best presentation submitted by a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year medical student.
- 4. The jury's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

For any questions regarding these rules, please contact the Scientific Committee at: cientifico.cnem@umh.es

Signed in Alicante, on June 19th, 2025

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