



## **SSSSC Sponsors Award for Outstanding Clinical and Basic Sleep Research**

1. The Swiss Society of Sleep Research, Sleep Medicine and Chronobiology (SSSSC) awards each year at its yearly convention two prizes in the amount of CHF 5'000, each for outstanding scientific achievements in clinical as well as basic research. The price is primarily rendered from donations of sponsors and is therefore designated as the SSSSC Sponsors Award.
2. Eligibility for the SSSSC Sponsors Award:  
Authors of a scientific publication in the field of clinical sleep research and sleep medicine, basic sleep and vigilance research or chronobiology. The articles should be published in the time period of two years preceding the award or must be accepted for publication by an internationally renowned journal.
3. Conditions / Modalities:  
Publications must be authored by a Swiss researcher or by a foreign national employed by a Swiss clinic or Swiss institution, in which case a substantial part of the awarded research must have been accomplished in Switzerland. Preferably, young authors are favoured that have not yet or have just recently habilitated or received their PhD.

Awarded researchers or one of the co-authors have to be members of the SSSSC.

Only researchers that have not previously received the SSSSC Sponsors Award can be awarded. Researchers who have co-authored a publication, whose first author was awarded the price, are eligible.

As a rule, the award is personally given to the respective first author of a scientific publication.

Two awards are attributed annually, one for clinical and one for basic research. Splitting the price for basic or clinical research to award more than one paper per category is not allowed. However, several authors contributing collectively to a paper can be awarded and must then be named each individually.

In the written and oral appraisal of the awarded researchers, contributing but not awarded co-authors as well as the clinic / institution have to be mentioned by name.

4. The award is announced each autumn on the SSSSC website and by mail to the members. Latest submittance is December 31.
5. A presided award committee designated by the Board performs the evaluation of papers submitted for the award. Members of this committee are elected for a period of 5 years and can be re-elected once (period of office is limited to 10 years). Preferably, a Board member is represented in the committee. The award committee is operating on an honorary basis.

Decisions made by the committee are definite. The possibility for appeal is only given with respect to formal mistakes. The committee does not need to substantiate its rejections.

6. In case there are no applications for both or one of either categories (clinical / basic), or in case no scientific paper submitted for the award qualifies for the price, the award decays for the respective year and category.
7. The awarded researcher must appear personally at the award ceremony to be held during the yearly convention and give a short presentation about his/her work.

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Signed for the SSSSC Board

Konrad E. Bloch, President