



Notice of competition for SSIF AWARD in neurology

SCOPE:

The **Serono Symposia International Foundation (SSIF)** in partnership with the **European Neurological Society (ENS)** announces a public competition for an award to recognise an expert in Bioscience who has made a significant contribution to medical education activities.

SSIF:

Serono Symposia International Foundation (SSIF) is a non-profit organization based in Geneva, 14 Rue de Rhône. It was founded with the intention of identifying the most innovative achievements and potential developments of medical and scientific research, and disseminating through conferences, training courses, and publications. In particular it provides education for doctors and healthcare professionals in the scientific field by organizing high-level scientific events which are part of the continuing medical educational programs.

The mission of SSIF is to provide these medical education activities in Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, Central and South America, Canada, Mexico.

ENS

The European Neurological Society (ENS) is a non-profit medical specialty organisation established in 1986 to advance clinical neurosciences, promote the best possible care for patients and provide excellence in professional education.

The European Neurological Society (ENS):

1. Is based on individual membership
2. Seeks the attainment of the best care of patients suffering from neurological disorders
3. Pursuits excellence in medical education
4. Organises scientific meetings
5. Edits a scientific journal – the JOURNAL OF NEUROLOGY- and maintains a website.
6. Provides a forum for presentation of selected scientific work in clinical neuroscience
7. Supports neurologists in training through invitations to meetings, teaching courses and fellowships.

Award Committee Members:

The SSIF Award Committee will assess the application and draw up the shortlist of candidates.

The SSIF Award Committee comprises eight members:

- The Secretary and Member of the SSIF Board of Directors:
 - ✓ Jean-Daniel Baki (Switzerland)

- The four SSIF Scientific Committee Members:
 - ✓ Professor Giancarlo Comi (Italy)
 - ✓ Professor Robert Fischer (Germany)
 - ✓ Professor Daniel Cohen (France)
 - ✓ Professor Christoph Zielinski (Austria)

- Three members of the ENS, selected by the ENS:
 - ✓ Professor Gérard Said, (France) - President of ENS
 - ✓ Professor José Ferro, (Portugal) - Past president of ENS
 - ✓ Professor Dr. Heinz Reichmann,(Germany) - President elect of ENS

Rules of eligibility:

All those fulfilling the following requirements and submitting a completed application by the closing date of the competition will be considered for the award:

- Physician/Scientist - from 35 to 50 years old at the closing date for applications working in:
 - ✓ degenerative dementias and/or
 - ✓ multiple sclerosis and/or
 - ✓ neurodegenerative disease entailing movement disorders and/or
 - ✓ parkinson's disease

- University degree in a scientific discipline

- Physician / Scientist with an international career and an increasing recognition in his/her field.

- The candidate has the potential to make a significant contribution to dissemination of science, in the future

Criteria for the assessment of the eligible applications:

The SSIF Award Committee will evaluate each application presented by the candidates, assigning a maximum of 250 points, constituted as follows:

1. A maximum of 80 points for having: **5 or more cumulative years of medical education services at educational live events, as scientific organizer / speaker / tutor.**
2. A maximum of 60 points for having: **academic course teaching experience as Lecturer or Professor**
3. A maximum of 40 points for the: **10 best papers published in the last 10 years, selected by the candidate**
4. A maximum of 10 points for being: **author of books or book chapters: best book papers in the last 10 years, selected by the candidate**
5. A maximum of 10 points for having developed: **website on line courses as author in the last 5 years**
6. A maximum of 50 point as a **general evaluation of the candidate curriculum vitae**

Award definitions:

Educational live event: congress/conference/workshop/symposium that has been accredited by a CME (Continuing Medical Education) or otherwise certified as an educational activity by National or Sovra National Health Authorities or similar bodies.

Scientific Organizer: who is responsible for the scientific contents of the whole educational live event.

Tutor: who has a specific role as tutor or similar role, as supporting teaching activities practical or formal, to participants during a course

Speaker: individual who gives a lecture to an educational live event or to an on-line course.

Author: who writes a publication, book, book chapter, on-line course.

On-line course: a course available on internet that provides scientific contents in neurology.

The contents of the on-line course must be intended solely for medical education purposes.

Applications:

Candidates must register and submit their application and supporting documentation on the the web site www.ssifaward.org no later than **December 31st 2011**. This is the final date for applications and no applications submitted after December 31st 2011 will be taken into consideration.

Applicants must upload the following documents, under their own responsibility:

- **Biography:** a short bio-sketch, max 500 words, describing their background and main activities (word/pdf file)
- **Degree certificate:** a copy of the degree certificate (pdf file)
- **Declaration of educational live events organized as a Scientific Organizer.**
A list with the following information for each event must be uploaded (word/pdf file):
<event title> <date and venue>
- **Declaration of educational live events attended as a Speaker.**
A list with the following information for each event must be uploaded (word/pdf file):
<event title> <date and venue>
- **Declaration of educational courses held as a Tutor or similar role.**
A list with the following information for each event must be uploaded (word/pdf file):
<event title> <date and venue>
- **Declaration of the academic teaching courses held as Lecturer or Professor.**
A list with the following information for each course must be uploaded (word/pdf file):
<course title> <year>
- **List of the 10 best papers published in the last 10 years**, selected by the candidate.
A list with the following information for each paper must be uploaded (word/pdf file):
<publication title> <author and co-authors> <year of publication>
- **List of the best books or book chapters published as author in the last 10 years**, selected by the candidate.
A list with the following information for each paper must be uploaded (word/pdf file):
<book or book chapter title> <author and co-authors> <year of publication>
- **Declaration of the website on-line courses developed as author in the last 5 years.**
A list with the following information for each on-line course must be uploaded (word/pdf file):
<course title> <web site address> <date of publication>

The candidate declares under his own responsibility that the declarations made are true.

The SSIF Award Committee is entitled to verify any time all the information provided; if any information provided is found to be untrue, the application will be rejected.

The individual ranking with the total number of points will be disclosed to each participant that will require it.

Nature and duration of the SSIF AWARD:

The value of the award is **€ 10.000,00** less any applicable tax deductions. The winner will also become Member of the SSIF Advisory Committee.

The winner of the SSIF AWARD will be announced at ENS 2012.

The SSIF Award in cooperation with ENS will last 1 year, from May 28, 2011 to June 2012.

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SELECTION CRITERIA & SCORES:

The SSIF Award Committee at any time can request support documentation to integrate each of the titles declared. False declaration and/or statement detected will cause the rejection of the application.

1 Educational Activities at Live Events: 5 or more cumulative years of medical education services as scientific organizer/speaker/tutor.

		Score
1.1) Scientific organizer of Educational Live events		
none	Score=0	
#1-5	Score=10	
#6-10	Score=20	
>11	Score=35	
1.2) Number of lectures as speaker at Educational Live events:		
0-5	Score=0	
6-20	Score=5	
21-50	Score=10	
more than 51	Score=15	
1.3) Number of lectures delivered at Educational Live events in the last 5 years		
none	Score=0	
#1-5	Score=5	
#6-15	Score=10	
>16	Score=15	
1.4) Tutor or similar role at Educational Courses		
none	Score=0	
#1-5	Score=5	
#6-10	Score=10	
>11	Score=15	
Total Score from live events (Range 0-80)		

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- **Academic course teaching experience as Lecturer / Professor**

		Score
None	Score=0	
In the last 5 years	Score=10	
In the last 10 years	Score=20	
In the last 20 years	Score=40	
more than 20 years	Score=60	
Total Score from Academic teaching activities (Range 0-60)		

3

- **Publications. Extended articles on peer review journals**
10 best papers in the last 10 years selected by the candidate

		Scores
Total Score from Publications (Range 0-40)		

4

- Author of books or book chapters: best book papers in the last 10 years selected by the candidate**

		Scores
Total Score from books and book chapters (Range 0-10)		

5

- **Website On line course developed as author in the last 5 years**

none	Score=0	
#1-5 Online Course(s)	Score=3	
#6-10 Online Courses	Score=6	
#>11 Online Courses	Score=10	
Total Score from On line Courses (Range 0-10)		

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- **General evaluation of the candidate based on the curriculum vitae**

		Scores
Total Score from general evaluation (Range 0-50)		

Minimum score = 0

Maximun score = 250