



Young Scientist Award General Information Sheet

This document contains for your information the following:

- General Information (see points 1-6 below)
- Sample Forms:
 - *Assessment Form for the Young Scientist Competition*
 - *Young Scientist Declaration*

1. Aim

The South African for Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (SASBCP) holds two competitions for the Best Scientist Award (in basic and clinical pharmacological sciences, respectively) during its annual congress meetings to foster and promote research in pharmacology among young scientists, as stipulated by the Society Objectives in our Constitution.

2. Prizes

The following prizes are awarded:

Category	1 st Prize*		2 nd Prize*	
	Certificate	Prize money	Certificate	Prize money
Basic Pharmacology	Yes	R5,000	Yes	No**
Clinical Pharmacology	Yes	R5,000	Yes	No**

* No prize will be awarded in a particular category if the expected high standard of excellence is not attained by presenters. In rare cases a particular prize may be shared by two participants.

** 2nd prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the committee and any prize money is strictly subject to the availability of sponsorship.

3. Who is eligible?

The competition for the Young Scientist Award is open to persons who meet the following criteria:

- Paid-up SASBCP membership at the time of submission
- Comply with the SASBCP definition of a young scientist, being a student in Pharmacology at Honours, Master's or PhD level (*post-doc students are excluded*).
- The data presented should not have been presented before (i.e. data presented for the first time at a meeting of the SASBCP).

4. Procedure

The following are the general procedures followed:

- Complete, sign and fax the “*Young Scientist Declaration Form*” (available on Website) to the Congress Organisers (see Website for fax number), before the abstract submission deadline.
- Submit the abstract online, specifying your intention to enrol for the competition, before the abstract submission deadline.
- Clearly state whether the article is entered for the "Basic" or "Clinical" category.
- The competition session is usually scheduled for the afternoon of the first full day of the congress, and typically entails for each contestant a 10 minutes presentation plus 5 minutes for questions (*see Website for arrangements of the current year*).
- A judging panel is appointed, consisting of international guest speakers and local scientists specializing in either Clinical or Basic Pharmacology. An EXCO member will be identified who will be responsible to collate the marks awarded.
- Participants are judged according to the criteria set in the “*Evaluation Form*” (*see Website, also attached below for your convenience*).

5. Rules

The following rules apply:

- All participants must comply with the eligibility criteria and procedures explained in § 3 & 4 above.
- In all cases it remains the responsibility of the submitting young scientist to confirm timely receipt of the abstract for the purpose of the competition by the Organisers.
- All submissions for the Young Scientist Competition shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee of the SASBCP.
- The decision by the judging panel is **final** and not negotiable.



Assessment Form for the Young Scientist Competition

Candidate: Name _____

Member #: 100- _____

Degree: - select -

**Title of
Presentation:** Title _____

Category: - select -

Evaluator: _____
(please fill in your name)

Date: 20 - -
(yyyy-mm-dd)

Please evaluate the candidate on each of the categories below and provide a mark.

CRITERION	Max	Mark
INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND & PROBLEM STATEMENT		
Was the audience's attention gained? Were the background informative and the problem statement, study aims and relevance clear?	20	
STUDY DESIGN, RESULTS & DISCUSSION		
Was the experimental design clear and motivated? Were the results optimally processed and presented? Was the discussion and interpretation of results well done and scientifically sound?	25	
CONCLUSIONS		
6. Was the presentation effectively summarised and did the conclusion reflect sound interpretation and insight? Did the conclusions match the study objectives and indicate the relevance and applicability of the findings? Were inadequacies recognised and remaining questions identified?	20	
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS		
Were the presenter's answers knowledgeable and relevant? Could the presenter demonstrate with answers a deeper understanding and insight, wider knowledge and creative thinking.	10	
GENERAL COMMUNICATION & PRESENTATION SKILLS		
Did the presenter communicate effectively? Were text legibility and information density appropriate and were utilisation of graphs, visuals and technology effective to enhance the presentation? Was the presentation layout effective and did the presentation contain all the essential components, including references & acknowledgements?	25	
7. TOTAL	100	

Comments: _____
