



Schweisguth Prize for the Best paper in Paediatric Oncology Research

An annual prize for the best scientific article **written by a trainee** was authorised by the SIOP membership at its 1985 meeting in Venice. It is given in honour of Dr Odile Schweisguth, renowned clinician, investigator, teacher, founding member and first President of the Society.

Dr Schweisguth began her career in 1948 at the Institute Gustave Roussy after ten years with Dr Debre at the Enfants Malades. She became Director of the IGR Paediatric Department in 1952, and during her tenure raised that unit to worldwide prominence as a centre for clinical care, teaching and research. She retired from the Directorship of her unit in 1978, and till her death in March 2002, she maintained her interest in paediatric oncology through a continuing study of long-term survivors. The Society thought it entirely compatible with Dr Schweisguth's great interest in teaching to restrict the contest to health professionals in training. These need not be physicians, but the focus of the trainee's work should be on paediatric oncology, be it in basic science, clinical medicine, allied pursuits such as nursing, psychology, social work, occupational therapy, etc.

Judgement will be based on an article describing work done by the trainee him/herself and will consider originality, completeness, scientific accuracy, and contribution to science. Applicants must have been in training when the work reflected in the article was performed, and must still be in the training period or not more than one year thereafter at the time of submission. The applicant's mentor must certify both these points.

The article can be a peer reviewed paper, submitted to or published in a cited journal in the calendar year that the Schweisguth prize will be awarded. The winning article may have co-authors, but the first author must be the trainee who is awarded the Schweisguth Prize. All entries must be sponsored by the trainee's head of department certifying that the work reported is by the trainee him/herself and that the entrant is a trainee in good standing.

The Schweisguth Prize will only be awarded to an excellent paper that is of high scientific relevance for the paediatric oncology field and can be regarded as excellent scientific work. This means that the Prize will be awarded to one of the best scientific contributions by a trainee in the paediatric oncology field in the world.

The winner will present his/her work at the time of the SIOP congress. The Prize will consist of travel expenses, (return economy air fare between the winner's professional home city and the meeting venue) together with coverage of 3 nights hotel costs based on first class single room hotel rates and complementary registration fees for the meeting.

Deadline for receipt of articles is 26 March 2012

The article should be sent to the SIOP Secretariat, together with a covering letter from the author's mentor, via e-mail to: irah@kenes.com