

2010 FoRST PRIZE FOR SPA BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

PREMIO FoRST 2010 PER LA RICERCA MEDICO-SCIENTIFICA IN AMBITO TERMALISTICO

The scope of *FoRST* (Fondazione per la Ricerca Scientifica Termale, SPA research Foundation) is to promote and support the scientific research in the spa area of bio-medical knowledge. *FoRST* announces the first prize for qualified scientific research in this area.

To this purpose *FoRST* will assign 3 prizes up to a total amount of 15,000 (fifteen thousand) euro. The prizes are meant to be assigned to the scientists that produced the more relevant scientific publications on internationally recognized, peer-reviewed scientific journals in the spa area of bio-medical knowledge.

Submitted publications will be judged by the *FoRST* prize Scientific Committee, while the Executive Committee will take the final decision on the prizes allocation. Motivated *ex aequo* decisions can possibly be taken.

Conditions of participation

Each scientific publication submitted must have been published **not before** year 2008 in an internationally recognized, peer-reviewed scientific journal. Its content must be relevant to the spa area of bio-medical knowledge. Scientific publications whose procedures of publication are not formally completed (i.e. papers submitted or in press, even if accompanied by the Editor's letter of acceptance) at the moment of the submission, will not be taken into consideration.

In the case of publications with more Authors, the submitter will have to enclose the written consent of all co-Authors completing Form A.

Terms and regulations

To participate to the prize, submitters must fulfil in every part **Form A**, that must be sent to *FoRST* both by e-mail (to the address: segreteria@fondazioneforst.it) and in printed text copy, **signed were appropriate**, to **Fondazione per la Ricerca Scientifica Termale, via Po 22, 00198 Roma**, within and not beyond **April 30, 2010**. Submissions **received** beyond this date will not be taken into consideration, even if correctly sent by e-mail before.

The final decision will be taken within six months from submission deadline and will be communicated directly to the winner by a letter of the President of the Foundation. The selected publication will be proposed by the Scientific Committee of the prize to the *FoRST* Executive Committee. The Scientific Committee of the prize will be formed by *FoRST* Scientific Coordinator and other two European experts. The meetings of the Scientific Committee can also take place as conference calls and electronic data transmission.

Criteria

The Scientific Committee will adopt standard criteria generally accepted by the scientific community – such as ranking of the journal where the publication submitted appears, scientific soundness and innovation of the results, relevance and coherence (key words) to the field – to promote a solid scientific progress of spa-related research.

Winner

In the case of a single Author publication, he/she will be the winner of the prize. In the case of publications with more Authors, the submitter will have to enclose the written consent of all co-Authors completing **Form A**, as stated above, at the moment of submission. Publications with more Authors not accompanied by such clearance will not be taken into consideration.

Documents

To participate, Candidates must:

- Fill and sign the attached Form A
- Attach the signed copy of a personal valid identity document

Prize ceremony

The prize will be assigned to the winner in the course of a ceremony, to be defined by *FoRST*.

Not-assigned prizes

If the Scientific Committee and/or the Executive Committee do not judge any of the submitted papers as worthy the prize, this will not be assigned.

Diffusion of the results

FoRST, in the respect of the property of the scientific data, has the faculty to start, also in collaboration with other subjects, the spreading and communication of the scientific results of the paper awarded.

Treatment of the personal data

In accordance with the Italian law (d.leg.vo 30/06/2003, n.196) we inform you that all personal data sent to “Fondazione per la ricerca scientifica termale” will be used for competition purposes only. The data will be processed by authorized personnel using computerized procedures. The information could be communicated to third parties for the same purposes.

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FORM A

PROPONENT

Name

Last name

position

INSTITUTION

ADDRESS

TITLE AND AUTORS OF THE SUBMITTED PUBLICATION (a pdf of the publication must be attached to the e-mail submission, and a print out to the regular mail submission)

PUBLISHED IN:

CO-AUTHOR CONSENT

I hereby agree that the abovementioned publication is submitted by dr..... to *ForST* prize, and that, in case of prize assignation, dr..... will be the recipient of the prize itself.

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SUMMARY (English) (max 200 words)

RELEVANCE OF THE RESULTS FOR SPAs (max 100 words)

Proponent's signature _____ **date** _____