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YOUNG PUBLISHER COMPETITION GUIDELINES 2024

The Young Dentists Council (YDC) of the South African Dental Association (SADA) hereby extends an invitation to all South African Academic Institutions and Public as well as Private Health Facilities to participate in their 4th annual SADA YDC 2024 Young Publisher Competition. The competition will be hosted at the SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress & Exhibition 2024, which will be held from the 30th August to the 1st September 2024 at Times Square Arena, Pretoria.

We, therefore, request Deans and their relevant Heads of Department to pre-select candidates to participate in the poster competition. Eligible principal candidates must be postgraduate students. Eligible independent dental researchers are also encouraged to submit their abstracts.

Posters can be submitted in the following four categories of research:

- Undergraduate clinical research
- Undergraduate non-clinical research
- Postgraduate clinical research
- Postgraduate non-clinical research

The research project must be presented in the form of a poster and the 3 finalists will be invited to a 10-minute (maximum) interview session with the judges. The slot will comprise a 10-minute presentation by the participant and a 10-minute discussion/questions opportunity for the judges. English will be the language of the competition.

Eligible researchers

The principal candidate must be:

- 35 years of age or younger at the time of the Young Publisher Competition.
- Co-researchers should also be members of SADA but may be older. There should be a maximum of three co-authors.

DUE DATES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND PROGRAMME

- Abstract Submission opens 1 March 2024
- Abstract Submission closes 29 July 2024
- Three semi-finalists will be announced on 5 August 2024
- Final Judging 29 August 2024 at Time Square Arena, Pretoria
- Presentation at Main Plenary on 31 August 2024
- Gala Award Ceremony 31 August 2024

Oral Presentations of the poster will be restricted to 20-minute slots per finalist which includes questions posed by the judges. Answers given should be clear and concise reflecting an understanding of the subject matter.

Guidelines for the Young Poster/Publisher Competition

1. Manuscript (maximum 10 pages) and abstract to be
2. Hereunder the abstract guidelines
 - Word count limit - maximum 500 words
 - Title
 - Background/Significance
 - Aims and objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
3. The three semi-finalists who will present at the SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress and Exhibition, will be announced on 5 August 2024. Details will be communicated to the three semi-finalists.
4. Authors should report to the judging venue at least 30 minutes before the Judging Session.
5. All Posters will be in digital format

JUDGING OF POSTERS

Judges will follow the pre-selected criteria for the judging of the posters and the winner will be announced at the Gala dinner on 31 August 2024 at Times Square Arena, Pretoria.

There will be one overall winner.

The Young Researcher Award judging criteria is as follows:

CRITERIA

Appearance

- Does the poster make an impression on the viewer?
- Professional appearance; the good flow of information; logical layout; easy to read; neatness. How much text does the poster contain?
- Are there any grammar or spelling mistakes?

Title

- Clear and concise; specific; adequate.

Background

- Provides sufficient rationale for pursuing the study.
- Aims and Objectives
- Clearly stated and relevant.

Methods

- Strong and appropriate for testing this hypothesis or fulfilling the study objective.

Results

- Quality of the graphs, tables, and figures; the complexity of the results; validity of these statistical methods.

Discussion

- Shows a rational understanding of the results and literature.

Conclusions

- Reflective of the Aims and Objectives; supported by data; consistent with the hypothesis being tested.
- Are the limitations of the study/suggestions for future research identified?

Scientific content

- Relevant; contributing to the advancement of Dentistry.

*****The final score will be derived from the manuscript and the poster.

AWARD CEREMONY

Finalists will be invited with their partners to attend the Gala Awards Function on 31 August 2024 when the winner will be announced.

AWARDS

- SADA Young Publisher Award
- Award winner/s shall be announced in the SADJ
- Free SADA membership for 2025
- Cash Prize of R3000
- Fully sponsored local Congress.

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(PLEASE SEND ABSTRACTS VIA EMAIL TO THESE E-MAIL ADDRESSES)