

Early Career Research Award Guidelines

“An Ecosystem Approach to Health Enhancing Physical Activity Promotion”

1. Background

HEPA Europe believes in the importance of supporting researchers at an early stage in their career to develop their professional identity. To coincide with the 11th conference of HEPA Europe an Early Career Research Award has been established to recognize the contribution of early career researchers at the start of their scientific journey.

Early career researchers will have the opportunity to enter this prestigious competition for scientific excellence. This award is sponsored by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, and the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health Safety (Anses). This award strengthens the careers of engaged researchers at the start of their scientific journey.

2. General guidelines

Abstracts submitted by the 01 February 2022 deadline which signaled their eligibility and interest in the Early Career Researcher Award will be considered. Shortlisted authors (5 from each category) will be notified by 01 July 2022 (via email and through their author's hepa2022.mycongressonline account). Final assessments will be made during session presentations (both oral and poster) by representatives from the HEPA Europe Scientific Steering Committee and Session Chairs. Presentations will be assessed for clarity, scientific quality, novelty and contribution to the field.

Note: Only one abstract per candidate will be considered.

3. Early Career Research Award criteria

To be eligible for the award, the individual must:

- be presenting as the lead author
- be within 5 years of receiving their highest degree
- live, work or study within a country of the WHO European Region
- provide a short biography (max 200 words) which will be requested following notification of the shortlisting process

4. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the winner from each category, two in total, and will be presented during the conference closing ceremony.

- Award certificates
- 800€ to the Oral presentation winner & 400€ to the Poster presentation winner*
- Underwritten registration costs for each winner to the 2023 HEPA conference in Belgium
- Awards will be presented on stage during the closing ceremony on the final day of the HEPA 2022 conference (2nd September 2022)

*Monetary awards are to be used for research purposes such as publication fees, study financing or congress attendance

**Please note that submitting an abstract does not mean you are registered for the 2022 HEPA Europe Conference. Conference registration is a separate process that is required for all presenters to be considered for this award.

Further inquiries for authors whose abstracts were accepted for oral or poster presentations and have been considered for the Early Career Researcher Award can be made by contacting: hepaeurope2022@sciencesconf.org