Rising Star Award

Every year, the UEG National Societies Committee and the UEG Scientific Committee jointly select 6-8 clinical scientists as **UEG Rising Stars**. The selection is based on a track record of international quality research and on scientific independence. This initiative provides a durable platform for these young researchers to further improve and progress in their professional career.

1. **Extent of the support**

Selected Rising Stars 2020 will receive their award on occasion of UEG Week Amsterdam 2020 (October 10-14). The Rising Stars status includes the following invitations and benefits:

- Invitation to give a presentation in the core programme of UEG Week 2020, including a full UEG Week faculty package (free registration, hotel accommodation and reimbursement of travel expenses).
- Possible additional faculty tasks at UEG Week 2020 and involvement in future UEG Weeks (as abstracts reviewer, speaker, etc.)
- Continuous cooperation with UEG and the UEG Journal for our own as well as UEG-supported initiatives

2. **Nomination process**

- Candidates must be supported by a [UEG Member Society](#).
- One Member Society may support a maximum of two candidates. If two candidates are supported, at least one must be female.
- A letter of support, duly filled-out and signed by the supporting society, must be uploaded with the online application. The letter must include details on the promotion and selection process of the Rising Star candidates within the society.

3. **Application criteria**

Candidates for the Rising Star Award 2020

- must be supported by a UEG Member Society.
- must be max. 40 years of age or younger (born September 6, 1979 or later; add two years to age limit per child as main carer).
- must have as country of residence Europe and/or a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea.
- must show at least one publication as first, corresponding or last author in one of the top three journals in the respective field (e.g. *Journal of Hepatology*, *Gastroenterology*, *Gut*, *Endoscopy*).

*Please note that this is a minimum criterion and that awarded candidates all have substantial international quality publication records.*

- may be at any career level but a full professor title will not be accepted.
- have to be able to give their talk at UEG Week in fluent English.
- may apply max. three times for the award.

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1 i.e. Ordinary Member Society or National Society Members
4. Application process
The following mandatory documents must be uploaded together with the candidate’s online application:

- Curriculum vitae (max. one A4 page)
- Completed application form including:
  - A listing of full papers, downloaded from Medline or PubMed (original articles only, no reviews, commentaries or letters)
  - A short outline of the Rising Star talk they would give at UEG Week 2020 (max. 300 words)
- Support confirmation from UEG Member Society

Optional:
- For main carers who would like to request an extension of the age limit:
  Please make sure to state this in your online application (checkbox) and upload the completed form accordingly.

All forms and templates are available for download at www.ueg.eu.

Application deadline is Thursday, September 5, 2019.

5. Review process
All submitted applications are reviewed and scored by:

- The chair and all regular members of the UEG National Societies Committee.
- The chair and the group-coordinators of the UEG Scientific Committee.

Rating is based on the following criteria:

- Up to 7 points:
  - Publication quality and quantity
- Up to 5 points each:
  - Evidence of independent research activity (last authorship, grant income, lab staff)
  - Other markers of esteem (e.g. prizes, awards, conference activity etc.)
- Up to 3 points:
  - Academic training record including PhD and post-doctoral experience

Reviewers will refrain from scoring an application in case of a personal conflict of interest (e.g. as a member of the nominating member society, in case of personal scientific links to the applicant or similar).

Applications are ranked according to average scores and awardees are confirmed by the chairs of the UEG National Societies Committee and the UEG Scientific Committee.

The UEG Rising Stars 2020 will be informed and announced in January 2020 at the latest.