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 2018 will receive their award on occasion of UEG Week Vienna 2018. The Rising Stars status includes the following invitations and benefits:

- Invitation to give a presentation in the core programme of UEG Week Vienna 2018, including a full UEG Faculty package (free registration, hotel accommodation and reimbursement of travel expenses).
- Additional Faculty tasks at future UEG Weeks (as reviewer of abstracts, speaker, session chair, etc.).
- Continuous cooperation with UEG and UEG supported initiatives
- Invitations to participate in symposia of the exchange programmes with AGA at UEG Weeks and DDWs as speaker and/or moderator (depending on the topics/specialisation)

2. Nomination process
- Only candidates supported by a UEG Member Society¹ can be considered. A letter indicating the pre-selection process within the Society must be attached to each nomination. One Member Society may support a maximum of two candidates. If two candidates are supported, at least one must be female.

3. Application criteria
Candidates for the Rising Star Award 2018

- Candidates must be supported by a UEG Member Society
- Must be max. 40 years of age or younger at the time of application (born September 8, 1976 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 a major journal (such as Journal of Hepatology, Gut, Hepatology, Gastroenterology) or at least three publications in other renowned peer-review journals. Please note that this is a minimum criterion and, in practice, Rising Star awardees have substantial international quality publication records.
- May be at any level but a full professor title will not be accepted.
- Have to be able to give their talk at UEG Week in fluent English.
- Candidates may apply max. three times for the Rising Star Award

¹ i.e. Ordinary Member Society or National Society Members
4. Application process
Candidates must submit the following mandatory documents:

- **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 talk they would give at UEG Week if selected as Rising Star (max. 300 words)
- **Supporting letter** 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](http://www.ueg.eu).

**Application deadline is Thursday, September 7, 2017.**

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

- Chair and all regular members of the National Societies Committee
- Chair and the group-coordinators of the Scientific Committee

Scoring is based on the following criteria:

- **Up to 7 points**
  - Publication quantity & quality

- **Up to 5 points**
  - Other markers of esteem (e.g. prizes, awards, conference activity etc.)
  - Evidence of independent research activity (last authorship, grant income, lab staff)

- **Up to 3 points**
  - Academic training record including PhD and post-doctoral experience

Reviewers will refrain from scoring one or more applications in case of a conflict of interest (e.g. as a member of the nominating Society, personal scientific links to the applicant).

Applications are ranked according to average scores and final awardees are confirmed in a consensus meeting of the UEG Scientific Committee.

The Rising Stars 2018 will be announced at the beginning of 2018.