

# MEDICHEM CONGRESS AWARDS

**ENTRIES NOW OPEN!!**



**SASOM-MEDICHEM Joint Congress 2019**  
**'Control of Substances Hazardous to Health: Old and Emerging Issues'**  
**31 July – 3 August 2019**  
**Protea Hotel by Marriott, OR Tambo International Airport**  
**Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa**

## **The MEDICHEM Prize**

- Open now for South African delegates only
- Apply via the SASOM website ([www.sasom.org](http://www.sasom.org))
- The three (3) best papers will be selected; each of the three (3) presenters will receive EUR 200 toward their travel expenses
- One winner will be awarded the MEDICHEM Prize and receive an extra EUR 500

All applicants for the MEDICHEM Prize shall be:

- Awarded a certificate as a MEDICHEM Prize Contestant
- Awarded a free membership of MEDICHEM, to include all the usual benefits of ordinary membership (except voting rights and holding office), for the remainder of the current year of Congress and the following year (2019-2020)
- Entitled to cite 'MEDICHEM Prize Winner' or 'MEDICHEM Prize Contestant' in their CVs, as appropriate
- Awarded a sum of money, to be determined each year by the MEDICHEM Board, towards Congress expenses. This money is to be given in advance of the Congress to defray expenses, e.g. travel and accommodation
- Invited to attend the scientific meetings of the Congress at which they present, free of charge

## **The MEDICHEM Scholarship**

- Open now for all delegates who meet the criteria
- Apply via the SASOM website ([www.sasom.org](http://www.sasom.org))
- Only one MEDICHEM Scholarship is available for this Congress – EUR 1 000 – *Enter now!*

## **The MEDICHEM Young Professionals Programme (YPP) Award**

- Open now for all delegates who are not yet MEDICHEM members and who meet the criteria
- Apply via the SASOM website ([www.sasom.org](http://www.sasom.org))
- Only one MEDICHEM YPP Award is available for this Congress – EUR 1 000 – *Enter now!*

**To obtain the template forms for abstracts and short biographies to enter for the MEDICHEM Awards:**

Please access: [www.sasom.org](http://www.sasom.org)

OR

E-mail the SASOM-MEDICHEM Joint Congress Scientific Committee at: [info@sasom.org](mailto:info@sasom.org)

OR

Contact the MEDICHEM President at: [mcoombs@iafrica.com](mailto:mcoombs@iafrica.com)

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## Further Information

### The MEDICHEM Prize

#### 1. Objectives:

To enhance occupational and environmental health on matters with direct relevance to the production and use of chemicals by:

- Providing financial assistance to Occupational and Environmental Health trainees, to attend and give oral presentations at the Congress
- Providing a cash prize to the presenter of the oral presentation judged to be the best

#### 2. Eligibility:

Only residents of the country where the Congress is being held are eligible to apply.

The MEDICHEM Prize shall be open to trainees in the fields of:

- Occupational Medicine
- Toxicology and Epidemiology
- Occupational Health, including Occupational Health Nursing
- Occupational and Environmental Hygiene
- Occupational Safety, including the management and practice of safety in the workplace
- Safety Engineering Practice

#### 3. Method:

Eligible trainees, as defined above, shall submit a paper for oral presentation at the Congress. The papers shall be scrutinized by the appointed Scientific Committee of the Congress and the best three (3) will be accepted, subject to their being of suitable quality and relevance.

Co-authorship with senior members of the trainee's tutoring department shall be permitted, provided that the Scientific Committee has acceptable assurances from the trainee and his/her co-authors that the paper submitted, and the work on which it was based, was largely devised, planned and executed by the trainee.

The Scientific Committee shall be entitled to consider, and to accept for the MEDICHEM Prize, a poster presentation when:

- The author, otherwise eligible under the MEDICHEM Prize, has as yet insufficient command of English to give an oral presentation which would do justice to his/her work, particularly in the answering of questions after his/her presentation
- The author has a disability, e.g. wheelchair bound or otherwise mobility impaired, defect of sight, hearing or other sensory loss, which would make an oral presentation unduly taxing to the presenter or the audience
- However, the Scientific Committee will not give preference to such a paper/poster presentation over one which fulfils the usual requirements on these grounds alone.

The Scientific Committee's over-riding concern shall be to open the MEDICHEM Prize to all those whose subsequent careers will further occupational health in their chosen field and reflect favourably

upon MEDICHEM, disability preventing their giving oral presentations at the Congress notwithstanding.

#### **4. Presentation:**

During Congress, a 1.5 to 2 hour session will be dedicated to the MEDICHEM Prize. No more than six (6) papers shall be given, and no presenter shall be author or co-author of more than one paper. This session shall be a part of the Scientific Programme of the Congress.

#### **5. Judging:**

The papers presented at the Congress under the MEDICHEM Prize shall be judged on scientific content, relevance to the chemical industry, the advancement of knowledge and standard of presentation, including delivery and slide quality.

The Judging Panel shall consist of five (5) judges, who shall be MEDICHEM members in good standing. One (1) shall be the President of MEDICHEM, or his appointee, four (4) shall be from the general body of members. Two (2) of the five (5) members shall be from the host country of the Congress. The President of MEDICHEM, or his appointee, will chair the Panel, and be answerable to the Board of MEDICHEM, on behalf of the Panel, for the Panel's conduct and conclusions.

#### **6. Prizes:**

The trainee, whose presentation is judged by the Panel to be the best, shall be awarded a certificate as the MEDICHEM Prize Winner and a cash prize of EUR 500. This amount may be varied by the Board from time to time. Each of the authors of the papers judged to be the best three (3) will also receive EUR 200 towards their travel expenses.

The Treasurer of MEDICHEM shall be authorised to make such payments upon the verbal instruction of the President of MEDICHEM or his/her delegated Board Member, such instructions to be followed as soon as possible by written authority, for the record.

The presentation of the certificates and the cash prize to the MEDICHEM Prize Winner shall be made before the end of the Congress.

The MEDICHEM website will list the MEDICHEM Prize Winner of each year.

#### **7. Funding:**

- (a) An appropriate portion of each membership annual subscription shall be set aside for the financing of the MEDICHEM Prize
- (b) A substantial percentage of the moneys given by Sustaining Members shall likewise be so designated

The President and Secretary General/Treasurer shall be empowered to use the General Funds of MEDICHEM, up to but not exceeding EUR 1 000, to sustain the MEDICHEM Prize when sources (a) and/or (b) above fail to generate adequate funds at any time. Following the exercise of such empowerment, the President shall report the necessitating circumstances to the Board, which will, either at a full Board Meeting or by response to a letter from the President, decide on the steps needed to further fund the MEDICHEM Prize.

### **The MEDICHEM Scholarship**

MEDICHEM is committed to promoting the development of occupational health professionals. To this end, MEDICHEM Scholarships are offered to individuals to present scientific papers at MEDICHEM's annual International Congresses. MEDICHEM Scholarships, based on the scientific value of the submitted paper, are available to individuals whose economic situation would prevent them from attending the Congress to present. Such scholarships are available to a maximum of three (3) MEDICHEM members and non-members alike, regardless of their place of residence.

Those who wish to be considered for the award of a MEDICHEM Scholarship should notify the Scientific Committee of the Congress that they wish to apply when they submit the abstracts of their



presentations. The Scientific Committee of the Congress will rank the accepted abstracts according to their scientific value and notify the Secretary General of MEDICHEM. The Secretary General, in consultation with the Board Members, will award the scholarship(s) according to the following criteria:

- Scientific value
- Career development
- Personal circumstances
- Previous receipt of a MEDICHEM Scholarship

An award of up to EUR 2 500 will be made to a maximum of three (3) successful applicants to assist with travel and associated Congress costs, such as airfare, registration or accommodation. For this Congress, only one scholarship is available (EUR 1 000). Receipt of the MEDICHEM Scholarship will be acknowledged at the Congress and in the subsequent abstract publications. A list of recipients will be published on the MEDICHEM website.

### **MEDICHEM Young Professionals Programme (YPP) Award**

- Are you an occupational health professional in the early part of your career?
- Would you be interested in support to enable your participation in a MEDICHEM International Scientific Congress?
- Are you not a MEDICHEM Member?

If you answered YES to all these questions, read on...

The MEDICHEM Board supports the YPP Award to facilitate participation in the MEDICHEM International Scientific Congress. An award of up to EUR 1 500 will be made to a maximum of six (6) successful applicants to assist with travel and associated Congress costs, such as airfare, registration or accommodation. For this Congress, only one MEDICHEM YPP Award is available (EUR 1 000).

#### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible to apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Be an occupational health professional within the first five years of your career
- You must submit and present a paper at the Congress
- You must agree to publish your paper
- You must not yet be a MEDICHEM Member
- You must be supported by a MEDICHEM Member

Successful applicants will be assigned a MEDICHEM mentor to advise on the preparation and presentation of their paper, and will be given MEDICHEM membership for the first year.

Please contact the MEDICHEM Secretary General for an application:

[kmundt260@gmail.com](mailto:kmundt260@gmail.com)

