

# Vereniging Apneu Patiënten (VAPA)

## **REGULATIONS “VAPA SLEEP APNEA RESEARCH AWARD”**

1. In order to stimulate the exchange of results of scientific research in the field of sleep apnea, the Council of the Vereniging Apneu Patiënten has decided to offer a yearly scientific award for the most outstanding free communication on the Autumn Meeting of the Belgian Association for Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine (BASS). The current value of the Prize is five hundred Euros (€ 500).
2. Candidates or at least one author should be member of the Belgian Association for Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine (BASS). They are of Belgian nationality, or of foreign nationality with research work performed in Belgium, and present their own research work. Members of the Belgian Society for Sleep Technologists (BSST) are also allowed to participate.
3. Each candidate can only present one lecture to be taken into account for the prize. The jury can assign the prize only once to the same candidate.
4. The VAPA Sleep Apnea Research Award and the Andre Kahn Sleep Award cannot be granted to the same applicant.
5. All summaries of the lectures (abstract max. 1 A4 page) which have been submitted to the secretariat of the BASS before the indicated deadline of this specific meeting are eligible for the prize, if the issue is related to sleep apnea.
6. The lectures are presented in English. The slides are in English as well. The abstract is written in English.
7. The jury consists of the members of the Board of the Belgian Association for Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine (BASS), plus delegates of Belgian universities not represented in the BASS Board or foreign invited speakers present during the scientific meeting. The president of the BASS is chair of the jury. Candidates for the prize cannot sit in the jury.
8. The jury of the VAPA Sleep Apnea Research Award is the same as the one for the Andre Kahn Sleep Award. All contestants should be quoted equally, the highest score wins the Andre Kahn Sleep Award, the best score for a sleep apnea topic gets the VAPA Sleep Apnea Research Award. If the Andre Kahn Sleep Award is given to a contribution on a sleep apnea related topic, then the VAPA Sleep Apnea Research Award will be offered to the second quoted speaker that covered a sleep apnea topic.
9. The VAPA Sleep Apnea Research Award is not restricted to MD/PhD, but is open to a broader public.
10. The selection of the laureate is based on two criteria : scientific content and presentation.
11. The winner of the VAPA Sleep Apnea Research Award will be available to give a lecture during the members meeting of VAPA.