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CONGRESS PRIZE RULES

The following prize will be awarded at the SASA National Congress annually.

THE SSEM MTHEMBU MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD

The objective of the award is to recognise and support excellent original research in the field of Anaesthesiology in Southern Africa by a Southern African anaesthetist.

These rules have been drawn up by The South African Society of Anaesthesiologists (SASA) with representatives from SSEM Mthembu Medical. They are included in the bylaws of the Society.

- This award will be presented annually at the SASA National Congress
- The quantum of the Award is R10 000.00
- The award will be made for the Best Original Research Paper as presented at the Congress in the Free Paper category.
- The research may cover any field in Anaesthesiology.
- No aspect of the work shall have been presented or published in a medical or international forum of journal more than a year prior to the Congress.
- The LCOC shall appoint a panel of 3 (THREE) judges, as per the bylaws
- The award winner should be resident in South Africa
- The award may not be awarded to the same recipient in consecutive years. This does not preclude a previous winner from entering a free paper and presenting their research.
- The award winner must be an anaesthetist – this included medical officers, GP anaesthetists, registrars and specialists.
- The award winner must be a member of SASA in good standing.
- The closing date and the format for the submission of entries will be determined by the LCOC.
- The award will be presented to the winner at the Congress Gala Dinner by a representative of SSEM Mthembu Medical.
- This prize is to be sponsored by SSEM Mthembu.
- Criteria for the awarding of this prize are as listed in the relevant addendum to this document.



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