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CONGRESS PRIZE RULES

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

REGISTRAR'S PRIZES

- The Gaisford Harrison Prize for original research
- The SASA Prize for Communication Skills
- The SASA Registrar best E-poster prize

RULES GOVERNING THE REGISTRAR'S PRIZES

SASA invites all interested and eligible persons to compete for the Registrar's Prizes at each annual congress of the Society.

These prizes are:

- The Gaisford Harrison Prize for original research
- The SASA Prize for Communication skills
- The SASA Registrar prize for best E-poster

Conditions of entry:

- For the purposes of these prizes a registrar must be employed as a full-time anaesthetist in a Hospital/Department listed in the "List of hospitals recognised as teaching and approved hospitals for the purpose of training for specialist registration in the specialty of anaesthesia" by the HPCSA.
- The presentation must be made no longer than 15 months after the registrar becomes eligible for inclusion in on the Specialist Register within the rules of the HPCSA. Candidates must personally present their work at the designated sessions during the annual SASA Congress.
- The abstract of the presentation must reach the Congress Organiser before the specified closing dates for abstract submission.
- Only work done in Southern Africa will be accepted. This work must be related to anaesthesia.

The scientific committee of the congress shall select the best papers to compete for the award and has the right to allocate Registrar research papers to either the Gaisford Harrison competition or the Best Poster competition. However, the preference of the Registrar will be respected as far as possible.



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The prize for each award shall be:

- A SASA Medal
- A cash amount which will be reviewed annually (2024 – R7 500.00 [seven thousand five hundred Rand]).

PRIZE DETAILS

THE GAISFORD HARRISON PRIZE

The Gaisford Harrison Prize is awarded to a registrar for original research. In keeping with international practice the maximum time for presentation shall be 10 minutes with five minutes allowed for discussion.

No aspect of the work shall have been presented or published in a medical or international forum or journal more than a year prior to the Congress.

A statement by the Head of the Department containing the following information is to accompany each entry:

- Listing co-workers or co-authors.
- Supporting the entry and stating the work was carried out while the candidate was a registrar.
- Indicating to what extent the submitted work was a solo effort and initiated by the entrant.
- Whether the candidate or co-workers have previously presented any aspect of the work.
- All scientific protocols have been adhered to.



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THE SASA REGISTRAR PRIZE FOR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The prize shall be offered to the Registrar who shows the most outstanding ability to communicate ideas on an anaesthesia related subject. The prize is offered for teaching and communication skills and not for research quality.

The major factors on which an award will be made include:

- Suitability of subject chosen.
 - The ability to convey ideas to an audience of SASA members.
 - The organisation of the presented material.
 - The method of using audio-visual aids.
 - Good and accurate speech.
 - The speaking and teaching style.
 - The ability to handle discussion from the floor of the meeting
- The time allowed for the presentation will be twenty minutes with a ten-minute discussion period.
 - A statement by the Head of the Department confirming the status of the entrant as being a registrar or an individual entitled to compete for this award (as envisaged in the conditions of entry above) must accompany the entrant.

THE SASA REGISTRAR PRIZE FOR BEST E-POSTER

This competition will be held in the same time slot and judged by the same panel of judges as the Viatrix Prize for Best E-poster by a Specialist. The same rules and guidelines will apply.

BENEFITS

Congress allowances for Registrars

- A one-day congress registration fee shall be waved / deducted for registrars whose papers / posters have been accepted to compete for these awards.
- No travel or subsistence will be paid to any candidates who compete for these awards unless they qualify for such under another section of these bylaws.
- The above shall be taken to read for all prize competitors in the Registrar category as envisaged in the conditions of entry above.