

Dear colleagues,

As most of you are aware of, despite the difficult decision to cancel the SwissRhythm 2020 meeting, we wanted to proceed with the SwissRhythm Research Prize, for the second time this year. The Prize is an initiative of the Board of our Working Group in order to promote research in the field of arrhythmias, pacing and electrophysiology in Switzerland, by officially recognizing young researchers under the age for 40 for their high-quality scientific papers, either in basic or clinical sciences. The prize is endowed by 5'000 CHF. The SwissRhythm Research Prize had been awarded for the first time during our 2019 meeting in Thun.

This year, we received a total of 17 scientific papers for consideration for the SwissRhythm Research Prize. The 11 members of the Prize Committee who are also members of the Board of our Working Group independently assessed these papers. There were multiple papers, which were highly rated. Nevertheless, one paper has distinguished itself by receiving the highest overall note.

We are hereby pleased to inform you that the Swissrhythm Research Prize 2020 is awarded to Dr. Giulio Conte from Cardiocentro Ticino in Lugano for his first authorship of the manuscript entitled, "Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest due to idiopathic ventricular fibrillation in patients with normal electrocardiograms: results from a multicentre long-term registry". Due to the cancellation of SwissRhythm 2020, we plan to have the award ceremony and a short presentation of the work from the awardee during our general assembly at the SSC annual meeting in June 2021 in Lausanne.

We thank all the applicants for submitting their scientific papers and congratulate the winner for his high-quality work. We sincerely encourage young colleagues to apply for the next Swissrhythm Research Prize, which is planned to be held during the SwissRhythm annual meeting in November 2021.

Best regards,

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On behalf of the Working Group Board