

«Ascona Prize for Students 2019»

The International Foundation Psychosomatic and Social Medicine invites medical students to apply for the International Balint Award 2019. Total Prize monies of CHF 5.000,- are available for the authors of the best three essays. Papers must be in English. They should describe a student-patient relationship, an experience or experiences with a patient. The paper should include critical reflection on personal meetings with the patient.

The criteria by which the papers will be judged are as follows:

1 — Exposition

The paper should include a presentation of a truly personal experience of a student-patient relationship. (Manuscripts of former medical theses or dissertations cannot be accepted.)

2 — Reflection

A description of how the student experienced this relationship, either individually (one's own background) or as part of the medical team.

3 — Action

The student's own perception of the demands to which s/he felt exposed and an illustration of how s/he responded.

4 — Progression

A discussion of ways in which the student's own professional approach and attitude might change in the future, and also possible ways in which future medical training might change and enhance the state of self-awareness for individual students.

Submissions of 3.000 — 6.000 (with 1 1/2 line spacing) words should be sent by email, as a Word attachment to: **heideotten@foundation-ps.com**

They must be received before **31st December 2019**. The awards will be presented at the 21st International Balint Congress in Porto — Portugal, September 2019!

The prize winners will be expected to give a short presentation of their essay (not more than 15 minutes) at the Congress and the full text of the papers will be published in the Proceedings of the Congress and other Balint journals.

The Congress fee will be waived for prize-winners and they will be provided with free accommodation. In addition, each prizewinner may claim reasonable travel expenses (the cheapest available air fare) on the production of appropriate receipts.

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