**YOUPPIE Award**

The Young Pancreatologist Platform in Europe (YOUPPIE, the young talent group of the European Pancreatic Club ,EPC) award is an honorific appointment for young clinical or basic scientists with a brilliant career in the field of pancreatology.

The YOUPPIE award represents a recognition for important achievements in scientific research as well as for an expansion of scientific knowledge and for achievements in the application of scientific research work. It provides a basis for young pancreatologists for further progress in their research work and career.

The YOUPPIE awardees (a woman and a man) will be the official EPC candidates for the United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Rising Star Awards.

Application criteria:

Candidates for the YOUPPIE award must be researchers focused on the physiology or diseases of the pancreas and must be eligible for the next year´s UEG Rising star award. The latter condition implies that the candidate:

* Must be maximum 40 years of age at the time of application for next year UEG´s rising star award. You can add 2 years per child as main carer.
* Must have her/his country of residence in Europe and/or a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea. European citizens working outside of Europe are also accepted candidates with the condition that he/she has worked at least 5 out of the last 10 years in Europe.
* Must show at least one publication as first, corresponding or last author in a journal that is ranked in Q1 of the Clarivate Ranking 2021 (JCR 2021).
* May be at any level but a full professor title will not be accepted.
* Must be able to give their talk at EPC meeting and UEG week in fluent English.

Application process:

Candidates need to supply/provide the following mandatory documents:

* Curriculum vitae (max. one A4 page)
* The YOUPPIE award form
* A document proving that they are members of the EPC

Award invitations and benefits:

To be awarded implies:

* Invitation to give a presentation during the YOUPPIE session of the EPC Annual Meeting ("The YOUPPIE Award Talk“)
* Possibility for additional faculty tasks at the EPC Meeting (abstract reviewer, session chair etc.)
* Automatic nomination for the next UEG Rising Star Award on behalf of the EPC
* Continuous cooperation with YOUPPIE and EPC for appropriate initiatives

All applications will be reviewed and scored by the EPC Council.

The applications should be sent to *the YOUPPIE coordinators at youppiepancreas@gmail.com*. You must receive a confirmation of receipt.

Scoring is based on the following criteria:

* **Up to 7 points**
  + Publication quantity & quality
* **Up to 5 points**
  + Other markers of esteem (e.g. prizes, awards, conference activity etc.)
  + Evidence of independent research activity (last authorship, grant income, lab staff)
* **Up to 3 points**
  + Academic training record including PhD and post-doctoral experience

Reviewers will refrain from scoring one or more applications in case of a conflict of interest (e.g. personal scientific links to the applicant).

Applications are ranked according to average scores and final awardees are confirmed in a consensus meeting of the EPC Council. There will be one or two YOUPPIE awards handed out per year.

The call for candidatures will be officially open from **March 6th until March 31st 2024**.

The received application will be evaluated during the first two weeks of April and the winners will be announced after that.

Awardees will deliver their talk at the EPC meeting in Santiago de Compostela, award session Thursday June 27, 2024.