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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

for the „Daniel Rukavina“ Award for the best scientific paper published in 2025

The Croatian Physiological Society announces a call for applications for the „Daniel Rukavina“ Award for the best scientific paper published in 2025, for members of the Croatian Physiological Society.
The award is presented to the first or last/corresponding author in the amount of EUR 500.00.

I.

The award is intended to promote scientific excellence, the development of physiology as a scientific discipline, and the recognition and rewarding of outstanding scientific contributions by members of the Croatian Physiological Society.

II.

The award is presented for a scientific paper published in 2025 in two categories:

1. in the first-author category
2. in the last/corresponding-author category

For each category, a monetary award of EUR 500.00 is granted in the form of a voucher that may be used to pay a domestic or international conference registration fee of the recipient's choice, together with a certificate of the Croatian Society of Physiologists.

III.

The criteria for the award are as follows:
1. The submitted paper must have been published (online or in print) during the 2025 calendar year.
2. Members of the Croatian Physiological Society who meet the requirements of this Call for Applications at the time of application are eligible to apply.
3. The candidate must be the first or last/corresponding author. If both the first and the last/corresponding author apply with the same paper, preference will be given to the last/corresponding author.
4. The journal impact factor (IF), according to the JCR (Journal Citation Reports), is taken into account and weighted by the field median and the journal quartile according to the JCR report.
5. The most recent available IF or the journal's 5-year IF is scored, whichever is more favorable to the candidate.
6. Quartiles are scored as follows: Q1 = 4; Q2 = 3; Q3 = 2; and Q4 = 1.
7. The final score is calculated according to the formula:

$$\frac{IF}{M\ field} * Q$$

(IF – impact factor in the given field; M field – field median; Q – number of points according to the quartile)

In the event that multiple submitted papers receive the same score, the monetary award will be divided equally among the recipients.

IV.

An application must contain:

- candidate's full name;
- information on the category for which the candidate is applying – first author or last/corresponding author;
- full bibliographic details of the submitted paper – JCR report, IF, field median, and quartile;
- electronic version of the paper in PDF format;

V.

Applications, together with evidence of fulfilment of the eligibility requirements, must be submitted electronically to info@hdf.hr. The deadline for submission is 30 days from the date of publication of this Call for Applications. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. The Executive Board of the Croatian Physiological Society shall decide on the best paper in each category.

VI.

The decision on the award recipients will be published on the website of the Croatian Physiological Society at www.hdf.hr.

VII.

This Call for Applications shall enter into force on the date of publication.

In Osijek, October 8, 2026.

President of the Croatian Society of Physiologists
Prof. Ines Drenjančević, MD, PhD