
To all Presidents and Secretary Generals
of the ASNEMGE National Societies

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CALL FOR RISING STARS OF EUROPEAN GASTROENTEROLOGY 2012

The ASNEMGE Rising Star initiative has been part of the annual UEGW since 2003. Its aims are to promote and support the clinical and scientific activity in each of the National Societies and to give young researchers a durable platform on the international stage.

Rising Stars will be featured at the UEGW and they are supposed to become the organisers and chairs of sessions of the future.

This initiative assures that the UEGF and UEGW remains youthful and vigorous and that top young clinicians and investigators are recognised early to become the leaders of tomorrow.

We are very proud to present the ASNEMGE Rising Stars for 2011 at the upcoming UEGW 2011, in Stockholm. Please check the ASNEMGE website www.asnemge.org for more information on the 2011 candidates. The quality of the field of candidates for a limited number of Awards continues to rise. ASNEMGE Council and the UEGF Scientific Committee have noted that Award winners now have truly exceptional, international-quality publications and often a track-record of independent research.

The Rising Star Initiative is highly regarded and appreciated by the UEGF Scientific Committee and UEGW delegates. We are looking forward to high-profile presentations by the 2011 Rising Stars at UEGW Stockholm 2011. The Rising Stars now fulfil other UEGW Faculty roles as well as their Rising Star presentation and many have been invited for abstract reviewing and chairing of oral and poster presentations.

The competition for 2012 is now open!

Please read the following guidelines and/or enter our website to download the application form www.asnemge.org.

Eligibility for Rising Star Status

- Age limit: strictly 40 years or under (those born October 1, 1970 and later).
- A nominee has to show at least one publication in a major journal (J Hepatology, Gut, Hepatology, Gastroenterology and above) or at least 3 publications in other renowned peer-review journals. (Please note that recent Award winners have had publication records significantly better than this minimum standard, in addition to other markers of academic esteem eg. personal awards and evidence of independent research such as grant income).
- The nominee may be at any level but a full professor title will not be accepted.
- The nominee has to be able to give his/her talk in English.

Please note that **nominations can only be submitted via national ASNEMGE member societies**. Interested persons are asked to contact their National Society! Individual applications will be forwarded to the responsible society! Please note that National Societies are asked to describe their selection process to ASNEMGE to ensure that the application is a fair process. Only nominations from National Societies that have stated their selection mechanism will be accepted. National Societies are asked to hand in a maximum of three nominations.

Applicants are asked to submit

- a) CV (one side of A4 paper)
- b) listing of full papers, downloaded from Medline or PubMed
- c) a short (maximum 300 words) outline of the talk they would give at UEGW if selected as Rising Star of European Gastroenterology (should include a presentation of the candidate's original research).

The application documents must be submitted as PDF file; hard copies cannot be accepted.

Deadline for submission: September 30, 2011. Notification of invitation to be selected as Rising Star 2012 will be provided via e-mail by January 2012.

Selection criteria

The final selection of Rising Stars will be made through a Committee, composed of three ASNEMGE Council Members and four members of the UEGF Scientific Committee. These are the selection criteria that ASNEMGE & UEGF adhere to:

- ✓ Academic training record incl PhD and post-doctoral experience
- ✓ Publication quantity & quality
- ✓ Other markers of esteem (e.g. prizes, awards, conference activity etc.)
- ✓ Evidence of independent research activity (last authorship, grant income, lab staff)

Nature of the Award

Selected Rising Stars will be invited to

- ✓ give a talk in the core programme of the UEGW 2012 (including a full Faculty package: free registration to the congress, hotel accommodation, reimbursement of travel expenses)
- ✓ take over other faculty tasks at UEGW (abstract reviewing; chairing of oral and poster presentations etc.)
- ✓ receive the opportunity to participate in the Exchange Programme with AGA at DDW 2012 San Diego & UEGW Amsterdam 2012
- ✓ attend a dinner on occasion of UEGW 2012 with fellow Rising Stars, National Scholars, and participants of the Young Investigators Meeting
- ✓ publish news on their research via the UEGF press service

We would be grateful if you would pass this call on to as many potentially interested persons as you can think of in your and other institutions.

We look forward to receiving your nomination and would like to point out that turned down applications from previous years are very welcome to apply to be re-nominated (on the condition that application conditions still apply).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email our secretariat info@asnemge.org and to visit the ASNEMGE website www.asnemge.org.

Thank you very much for supporting this initiative.

Kind regards,



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