

## ISDMS Outstanding Publication Award

### Description

The ISDMS ECR Advisory Committee is delighted to announce our first **ISDM Outstanding Publication Award** to recognise outstanding contributions made by early career researchers (ECRs) in Shared decision-making. The award aims to acknowledge ECRs who have excelled in their research work and have published significant work between Jan 2022 and Dec 2023. The proposed award aligns with the guidelines provided, ensuring that the ECR is the first author.

### Inclusion Criteria

- **Relevance and Impact:** The publication should demonstrate significant contributions to Shared Decision-Making research, such as novel findings, innovative methodologies, or substantial theoretical advancements.
- **Publication Date:** The publication must be accepted or published between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.
- **Early Career Researcher (ECR):** An ECR<sup>1</sup> must be the publication's first author, emphasising their role as the primary contributor to the research project and can submit only one publication for consideration. The ECR must be a member of the ISDM Society at the time of application.
- **Study Type:** Both primary (e.g., RCT, survey, qualitative) and secondary studies (e.g., systematic review, meta-analysis) are eligible for consideration for the award.
- Viewpoints and commentaries are NOT eligible.

### Award Process

**Call for Submissions:** We will announce a call for submissions to the research community through our society channels (email, Facebook, Twitter (X)) and during our Early and Mid-Career Researcher Event in **November 2023 and will follow up with an announcement by email, on X and Facebook.** ECRs are to submit their eligible publications for consideration by the **1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.**

**Eligibility Check:** The submitted publications will undergo a thorough eligibility check to ensure compliance with the award criteria. An application form will be shared at the time of announcement. (We will ask them to submit their publication and fill in a form including a cover letter of why they think their article should win.)

**Evaluation and Selection:** Two experts in the field (our executive board and experts in the field<sup>2</sup>) will review each eligible publication according to the pre-set criteria described below.

### Academic Criteria<sup>3</sup>:

#### 1. Originality (weighting 40%)

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<sup>1</sup> **Early career researchers are students or within five years of obtaining their postgraduate qualifications (e.g., PhD or clinical speciality training), not including career disruptions (e.g., parental or carer leave).**

<sup>2</sup> Reviewers must not be co-authors of any of the applicants' papers.

<sup>3</sup> This is adopted from Sixth International PPE Conference criteria for student paper award.

Originality of contribution to knowledge with an emphasis on the paper's innovativeness in one or more of (i) theoretical development, (ii) empirical results or (iii) policy development, (iv) implementation

## **2. Quality of Argument (weighting 30%)**

Quality of argument incorporating (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate

## **3. Positioning (weighting 15%)**

Clear positioning of paper in existing international literature with a conclusion(s) that is both convincing and of significant potential

## **4. Writing Style (weighting 15%) <sup>4</sup>**

Quality of writing style in terms of accuracy, clarity, readability, and organisation of the paper

### **Process of evaluation**

- Each paper will be given a score of 0—10 (where 0 is the lowest and 10 is the highest score) for each criterion.
- The score allocated to each paper by each reviewer shall be multiplied by the weighting and then added.
- The highest-scoring paper shall be recommended for the award.
- Where two or more papers receive the same total score, the paper with the highest score in the highest weighted criteria shall be recommended for the award. If the papers are still tied, the highest score in the second-highest weighted criteria will be recommended for the award, until a winner is determined.

**Announcement of the winners:** We will announce the results during the ISDM Conference 2024. The winners will also be publicly recognised through the ISDMS communication channels (newsletter and social media), and the award amounts will be awarded accordingly.

### **Award Details**

First Place: 150 euros

Second Place: 100 euros

Third Place: 75 euros

As discussed in an earlier board meeting, funding for the award will be secured through our society. In the case of two winners in the same category, the budget might be extended.

### **Instructions to apply:**

1. Check eligibility criteria.
2. Complete the application form.

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<sup>4</sup> Please consider whether English is the mother language of the applicant or not.

3. Upload the published paper in its final form, or if the publication is accepted and not published yet, submit the final manuscript and the letter of acceptance.
4. Upload a cover letter (a 200-word paragraph) justifying why this paper should be considered for the award in the form.