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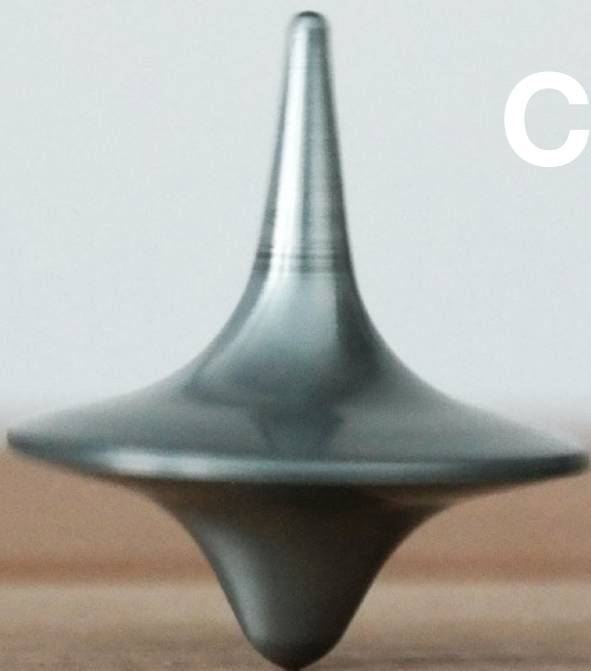
Vestibology Italian Society

Guidetti Prize

Recognising the value
of scientific publications on Vestibology

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 20th September 2021

Call for Entries





*Hearing is a given gift,
listening is a gift you give*

Mario Sanna

Presentation



Mario Sanna Foundation

The Mario Sanna Foundation, or Fondazione Mario Sanna ONLUS (**FMS** from now on), was founded in 2015 and obtained the ONLUS certification the following year (Italian certification for not for profit organizations). The Foundation is dedicated mainly to medical research, and pursues purposes of social solidarity through actions, studies and

scholarships, awareness campaigns, disbursements of various kinds to other institutions or charities. The Foundation is registered in Sector 11 of the Emilia Romagna Region, a sector that indicates its membership in scientific research, research that has as its main seat the Private Hospital of Piacenza and its Department in Otorhinolaryngology (the Otologico Group, the first center in Italy for the care of the middle ear as attested by the Ministry of Health in the National Plan Outcomes Report).

Many are the initiatives of the Mario Sanna Foundation, but you can divide them into macro-categories. The Mario Sanna Foundation in fact:

- conducts international research aimed at the treatment and therapy of disabling diseases of the ear and base of the skull (with international partners such as the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden, the Sloane Kettering in New York, USA, the Marangon Hospital in Madrid, Spain to name a few)
- participates in worldwide humanitarian programs (such as the Telemedicine project in Sub-Saharan Africa of the Community of Sant'Egidio, one of the most widespread telemedicine network in east sub-saharian Africa)
- organises calls and trains young medical talents (already a dozen doctors from the base of the skull have been trained with the Fellow.GO program)
- acts with local initiatives and cash disbursements (such as the important donation of 210 tablets to children with different abilities in the province of Piacenza, or the organization of free pediatric screening in local schools and the donation of musical instruments)
- promotes awareness-raising campaigns on hearing-related issues and diseases (such as the aware.MENIERE project aimed at raising awareness of a little-known disease among the general public)

The Mario Sanna Foundation is open to proposals for collaboration, research and study in the field of sound, ear, balance and diseases related to them, aimed at helping those in difficulty, patients suffering from diseases related to ENT (Ear-nose-throat) and balance, with a view to the social inclusion of the less fortunate.



Gruppo Otologico

The Gruppo Otologico was founded in 1983 in Piacenza by Dr Mario Sanna, an internationally known and esteemed surgeon, as a specialized institute for the diagnosis and treatment of ear diseases, the cranial base, sinuses and the head district-neck. The Gruppo Otologico consists of a team of highly specialized doctors and support staff whose goal is

excellence in patient care. The success of this center has led the center to be recognized as one of the most important institutions in the world for Otology surgery and the cranial base receiving patients from all countries. The center is also internationally recognized for surgical training in otology, otoneurosurgery and the base of the skull. The center has also investigated the field of vestibology and the treatment of vertigos and balance disorder after major surgical interventions.

In 40 years more than 35,000 surgeries have been performed, including 6,000 for underlying cranial diseases in patients from 45 countries around the world, reaching in particular 3,800 surgeries involving Acoustic Nerve Neurinoma. The Otological Group is also the seat of the Italian Otologic and Neurotological Association (A.I.N.OT), recognized by the European Association of Otology & Neurotology (EAONO) for clinical training in Europe. The Otology Group has published numerous books and scientific articles.



Vestibology Italian Society

The Vestibology Italian Society (**VIS** from now on), born in 2013, is the first scientific association of Italy that brings together experts and scholars of the function and disorders of balance. The VIS aims to involve all those interested in basic sciences (anatomy, histology, physiology, biochemistry, physics, etc.) and clinical/application sciences (otorhinolaryngology, audiology, neurology, neurophysiology, neuroradiology, neuropharmacology, neurophysiatry, neurophthalmology) concerning vestibular systems, auditory, visual, proprioceptive and their representations in the central nervous system that in concert enter the determinism of diseases characterized by vertigo and

imbalance, as well as other related symptoms.

Among the various purposes of the VIS, the aim of contributing to the training of new professionals with high training in the field of diagnosis and treatment of diseases involving the vestibular system is a priority. At the same time, VIS intends to promote, disseminate and validate correct and up-to-date scientific information both to professionals and to patients suffering from problems related to disorders of the vestibular apparatus.

Another fundamental task of VIS is to interface with other national or international scientific societies, related to the Vestibology and to represent a point of reference for the technological, diagnostic and therapeutic induced, emerging in this area. To this end, a scientific congress (now in its seventh edition) is organised annually to gather the experiences of the majority of experts in the field, so that it is an indispensable event for the dissemination of the most recent scientific and clinical findings concerning imbalance disorders. Currently, thanks to the efforts made over the years since its establishment by Dr Giorgio Guidetti (Founding Member), the VIS has become the reference point for the Specialist and for the patient suffering from balance disorders.

The Board of Directors currently in office and chaired by Prof. Augusto Pietro Casani. It aims to continue in the path traced by the founder, expanding the horizons of the Society through the increase of collaboration with important national scientific institutions and and involving in an increasingly effective way all those who in various ways show interest in the deepening of issues concerning the vestibular system and more generally the complex system of balance.

The project in brief

The loss of Prof. Giorgio Guidetti was a dramatic event for the Vestibology in Italy. To remember his figure and research, the FMS with the VIS set up an award called "Guidetti Prize", and a scholarship, to the European candidate who will have applied a peer reviewed impact factor published research in the field of Vestibology judged more deserving. The project consists in the establishment of:

- 1) An annual prize called "Guidetti Prize" with three classified (first, second and third prize) financed by the FMS, which ranking is decided by the FMS and VIS committee
- 2) A scholarship offered to the most deserving winner at the Mario Sanna Foundation in Piacenza, funded by FMS

Expected results

- Greater awareness of the population of the area on issues related to Vestibology and, in general, the loss of balance
- Increased awareness of the importance of creating a vestibule-related network that can influence health system choices in order to diagnose, treat and protect the rights of people with disabling diseases in the vestibular system
- Promoting European best practices and bringing European research to ever higher levels, up to the definition of national and international guidelines
- Promoting the social inclusion of people with disabling diseases in the vestibular system and in general any citizen with problems of instability

The Guidetti Prize

Following the loss of Professor Giorgio Guidetti, the Mario Sanna Foundation, with the approval of the heirs and the VIS, establishes with its funds a cash prize called "Guidetti Prize" with the aim of remembering the figure of the missing professor and promoting the research in the field of Vestibology. The Guidetti Prize will be a cash award established to give credit to researchers, medical and clinical application scientists (otorhinolaryngology, audiology, neurology, neurophysiology, neuroradiology, neuropharmacology, neurophysiatry, neurophthalmology) who have distinguished themselves in recent years (starting in 2018 included) for a scientific peer-reviewed publication in the field of Vestibology. The award will recognise the value of the candidate's scientific publication through careful analysis by a scientific Committee composed of both the FMS and VIS network members, that will meet to decree n. 3 recipients (winners) on the basis of the criteria that follow the good standards of scientific quality and the Mario Sanna Foundation principles.

Submission of applications

The candidate must submit one published peer-review impact factor article, paper or book to the Committee by e-mail. The publication must address a subject in the field of Vestibology.

The deadline for submitting the application is the 20th September 2021.

The recipients of the prize will be contacted by mail and published on line before the VIS international Congress to be held in October 2021.

Criteria for submission

To participate to the Guidetti prize, the candidate must:

- be an ENT specialist, Audiologist and/or Researcher in the field of Vestibology, a medical and clinical application scientists (otorhinolaryngology, audiology, neurology, neurophysiology, neuroradiology, neuropharmacology, neurophysiatry, neurophthalmology) with a regular University Degree (postgraduate) and/or specialization hold as of the 20th of September 2021

- have at least one major peer reviewed publication in the field of Vestibology as principal author, published on his/her own or in group between the 1st January 2018 and the 20th September 2021. The candidate will not be able to submit more than one publication
- be the “first” or “last” author/s of the publication, as the common methods for listing authors in medical research indicate
- reside in a EU/Schengen country (List of Nations in Annex) as of the 20th of September 2021
- must not have reached the age of 46 years old as of the 20th of September 2021
- be in the conditions to be able to carry out full-time research at the headquarters of the Fondazione Mario Sanna in Piacenza (Casa di Cura Piacenza in Italy) and its network of affiliated centers, in 2021/2022
- accept wholeheartedly the Commission’s decisions

The publication must:

- address the study concerning vestibular systems, auditory, visual, proprioceptive and their representations in the central nervous system that causes diseases characterised by vertigo and imbalance, as well as other related symptoms
- be published by an internationally known, peer reviewed, and recognised publisher, with impact factor
- be able to provide support for therapy and treatment, be aimed at the practical resolution of the problems of those patients with disabling diseases, and provide a sound scientific basis for sustainable actions in the future from FMS and the VIS, and in general the European Health Care System

How to Submit

The candidate shall submit the publication via a single e-mail (if possible, otherwise multiple e-mails are allowed) with deadline the 20th of September 2021 containing the following four single documents in pdf format:

1. passport or Identity card
2. a detailed curriculum vitae
3. the publication
4. the present document signed with:
 - a. the Privacy policy acceptance below signed
 - b. the declaration of willingness to spend a year in Piacenza (Italy)
 - c. the declaration to have understood the Call and its principles and aims

The e-mail, with the four documents attached, must be sent within the 20th September 2021 to: info@mariosannafoundation.org

The material sent by e-mail will be submitted to the committee only if correctly submitted as above and strictly relevant to the principles of the present Call. For any problem related to sending or other issues, the candidate may ask questions or ask a video-call to the same address until the dead line of the 20th of September 2021.

Every candidate will receive a formal acceptance e-mail only if her/his application will be accepted, after the deadline.

The works of the Guidetti prize evaluation Committee

The evaluation Committee is composed of both the network and members of the FMS and the VIS as explained below.

After the eligible applications are formally accepted and by the FMS, the Committee will assess the quality of the applicant's publication in order to determine its scientific merit, after the dead line and until a reasonable time before the Prize announcement (expected to be around the 22nd /23rd of October depending of the course of the pandemic).

The candidates will receive formal communication of the winners by e-mail or newsletter.

The evaluation of the publications and the list of winners of the Guidetti Prize is the exclusive work of the committee, and the committee shall state the reasons for the choice and shall announced in the most appropriate manner the winners. The decision is final and not questionable. The chairperson of the evaluation committee shall be the chairperson of the VIS.

Declaration of the Guidetti prize recipients

During the period of late September-October, the committee will analyse and evaluate the applications. It will then rank the first, second and third place. No awards are allowed ex-aequo.

The prizes consist of a certificate and a cash compensation by the FMS, namely:

First prize: € 10,000

Second prize: € 3,000

Third prize: € 2,000

The Guidetti prize will be awarded during the Vestibular Italian Society Congress (expected to be the 22nd /23rd of October, depending on the course of the pandemic).

On the occasion of the Guidetti prize ceremony and the VIS Congress, Prof. Mario Sanna will give a *lectio magistralis* of about 45 minutes to the guests.

Scholarship at the Mario Sanna Foundation

In the days following the award ceremony the FMS will formalise the contract for the Mario Sanna Foundation Scholarship with whom among the three recipients (winners) is considered the most suitable for scholarship. The FMS decision is final and not arguable.

One of the three recipients, if available and if deemed suitable by the FMS, will be invited by the FMS to remain at its place (the Private Hospital “Piacenza”, located in Via Morigi 41 Piacenza, Italy) or places of its scientific network (also abroad) for about 12 months, continuous or not.

The scholarship will be regulated by contract drawn up according to Italian law.

The candidate, at the end of his/her scholarship, shall submit a study on a topic agreed between FMS and VIS. The study will necessarily lead to the presentation of an international paper in magazines/journals or books with impact factor.

The scholarship paid to the candidate will be €1,000 per month for his research activity, plus accommodation paid by the FMS, plus a reimbursement for board of €300 per month. FMS will also be able to pay the scholarship holder travels, professional training, and anything else necessary for his research.

IMPORTANT: if the chosen recipient does not accept the Mario Sanna Foundation Scholarship in Piacenza for no sound reason, the FMS could reconsider (only) the amount of the award to be given. In any case the prize and certificate shall not be revoked.

Committee

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DECLARATION OF HONOUR

The undersigned Mario Sanna representing the Mario Sanna Foundation declares that the Foundation that represents: a) is not in bankruptcy, liquidation, receivership, arrangement, cessation of activity or any other similar situation resulting from a procedure of the same nature nor is such a procedure being carried out by national laws and regulations; b) has not been convicted, by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*, of an offence concerning his morality professional; c) has not committed any serious professional error established by any factor documented by the public administration; d) is in compliance with all obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions and with obligations relating to the payment of taxes and duties in accordance with the law of the country in which it is established, the country of the contracting authority or the country where the contract is to be performed; e) has not been convicted, by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*, of fraud, corruption, participation in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of no world nation; f) has not been subject to administrative penalties for having been guilty of misrepresentation in the provide the information requested by the contracting authority as a condition of participation the procurement procedure or for failure to provide information, or for being held liable for a serious breach of the obligations under the procurement contract covered by the budget. It also states that all the information contained in this document is true and easily verifiable; it also ensures that the project will be conducted with the utmost professionalism and transparency in scientific and economic terms.

List of Schengen/EU nations

The candidates shall have their residency in the Schengen + EU nation as of the 20th September 2021. The following list is represented by all the nations than can apply:

Austria	Italy (plus San Marino and	Spain (incl.Canaries)
Hungary	the Vatican city)	France
Norway	Portugal (incl.Azores,	Luxembourg
Belgium	Madeira)	Sweden
Croatia	Denmark	Germany
Cyprus	Latvia	Malta
Bulgaria	Slovakia	Switzerland
Romania	Estonia	Greece
Iceland	Liechtenstein	Netherlands
Poland	Slovenia	Monaco
Czech Republic	Finland	
Ireland	Lithuania	

Privacy Policy acceptance

GDPR – Privacy Policy to be signed (4.a)

The FMS and the VIS take your privacy seriously and will only collect and use the candidate's personal information to provide the candidate with the informations regarding the award and scholarship, the congresses and scientific publications, as well as newsletter or general informations about the FMS and VIS activities.

Data collected from Applicants

Data received from those expressing their interest to apply to this Call for entries is stored securely within our certified servers, and the process of storing is included in the processing of sensitive data carried out using electronic tools, which are regulated by the provisions of Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent GDPR 679/2016 and smi.

We will only process your personal information to facilitate your application and send direct communicates to you relating to the entry process.

We will require your data to process your submission and application, communicate with you about the award event and then further communicate with you via mail or our newsletters unless you opt-out.

At no time do we share e-mail addresses with anyone not using them for our own purposes; neither do we introduce people on e-mail without both party's prior consent.

Data collected from newsletter

Data from the contacts that have signed up to receive our newsletter will be stored within our certified servers.

We will send you newsletters containing relevant news and updates relative to the medical sector only. Subscribers can opt-out at any time by unsubscribing at the footer of any email. For any inquiry regarding our GDPR privacy policies please do not hesitate to contact us.

By signing below, the applicant is satisfied with the FMS and VIS privacy policy and consents to the processing of personal data provided for in current European legislation:

Name in capital letters

Signature



Declaration of willingness to spend 12 months in Piacenza

Declaration to be signed (4.b)

I, name _____ surname _____

place and date of birth _____

doc num. _____

declare that I am in a position to spend 12 months at the headquarters of the Casa di Cura Piacenza in Piacenza (Italy) in the period 2021/2022 and that there are no impediments known to me for this stay. I am also aware that if I refuse the scholarship I have been offered without sound justification, FMS will be able to recast the money premium of a sum to be decided irrevocably by the FMS.

Name in capital letters

Signature



Declaration to have understood the Call and its principles

Declaration to be signed (4.c)

I, the undersigned, declare that I accurately read and clearly understood the text, principles and objectives of the present Call, understood the privacy policy and am satisfied with it. I accept all the rules and indications of the Call and will accept the decisions of the committee without opposition.

I declare that I know English in all forms and expressions written in the present Call, and any misunderstanding of the text is not attributable to anyone but me.

I also declare that, in case of doubt about any of the points stated in this document, I will request information via e-mail as soon as possible and in any case well before the deadline. Am I also aware that the application I submit could be of no interest to the FMS and VIS for scientific or ethical reasons or procedural and formal flaws.

Name in capital letters

Signature

