

RISING STAR INITIATIVE FOR 2011

To all Presidents and Secretary Generals
of the ASNEMGE National Societies

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CALL FOR ASNEMGE RISING STAR FOR 2011

Dear Presidents and Secretary Generals,

We would like to draw your attention to the call for ASNEMGE Rising Stars for 2011. The Rising Star initiative has been very successful and highly regarded in previous years and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for supporting this initiative.

We are very proud to present the ASNEMGE Rising Stars for 2010 at the upcoming UEGW 2010, in Barcelona. Please check the ASNEMGE website www.asnemge.org for more information on the 2010 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 now looking forward to high-profile presentations by the 2010 Rising Stars at UEGW, in Barcelona. 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 2011 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 is 40 years or under (those born October 1, 1969 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.

Applicants are asked to submit

- a) CV (one side of an 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.

The application documents must be submitted as PDF files, hard copies cannot be accepted.

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Please note that **nominations can only be submitted via national societies**. Interested persons are asked to contact their national society! Individual applications will be returned.

To ensure that each person interested will be considered and that application is a fair process, ASNEMGE would ask the national societies to consider the following nomination requirements:

- National societies are asked to describe their **selection process** to ASNEMGE. Only nominations from national ASNEMGE member societies that have stated their selection mechanism will be accepted.
- In addition, since 2009, ASNEMGE would like to ask to limit the nominations to a maximum of **three applicants per national society**, in order to assure a balanced list of nominations originating from many different societies from all over Europe and the Mediterranean region.

For more information please see the attached policy paper.

The final selection of the Rising Stars will be made through a joint ASNEMGE - UEGF Committee. These are the selection criteria that ASNEMGE & UEGF adhere to:

- Academic training record including 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)

Deadline for submission is September 30, 2010. Notification of invitation to be selected as Rising Star 2011 will be provided via e-mail by January 2011.

The selected Rising Stars will be given the opportunity to give a talk or present a poster at UEGW Stockholm 2011 and will be featured in the core programme. ASNEMGE works closely together with the UEGF Scientific Committee and the Rising Stars might be given other faculty tasks including chairing oral and/or poster sessions.

Free registration for the congress, hotel accommodation and the reimbursement of travel expenses will be arranged by UEGF for the Rising Stars. The young researchers will be featured on the ASNEMGE website.

For the past years, ASNEMGE has been organising an **ASNEMGE/AGA Exchange Programme** for ASNEMGE Rising Stars and Research Scholars from the AGA – the American Gastroenterological Association. All ASNEMGE Rising Stars are invited to attend exchange meetings that are being organised every year at DDWs and UEGWs, and selected Rising Stars & Research Scholars present their latest research work.

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.

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 continuously supporting this initiative.

Kind regards,



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