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## National Societies Best Paper Award

### Submission guidelines

We are inviting all National Societies to participate in a competition for the 2025 **National Societies Best Paper Award**. To enter the competition, SECEC National Delegates are invited to select a paper which was recognised at their national level in 2024/2025 and proceed with its submission. The 5 top-ranked papers will be given the opportunity to present their work during a special session at the SECEC2025 Annual Congress.

Papers must be submitted exclusively via the dedicated [online platform](#).

#### **Submission timeline**

<b>Opening of the online submission</b>	April 14th, 2025
<b>Deadline for submission</b>	May 23rd, 2025
<b>Notification of selection</b>	June 13th, 2025

#### **Abstract guidelines**

- Abstracts must have been recognised at the national level (as "Best Paper" for example)
- Abstracts must be written in English to maintain consistency and facilitate understanding among a diverse international audience.
- Abstracts should be concise and to the point, with a maximum length of 400 words. It is important to convey the essential aspects of your research within this limit.
- Abstracts should consist solely of text. Please note that diagrams, tables, and pictures are not allowed.



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- The submission can be done online by the National Delegate or by one of the authors of the abstract. Should the abstract be selected to be presented at the SECEC2025 Annual Congress, the first author is considered the presenter.

**Abstract title:** Please choose a brief title that clearly indicates the content of the research. Please avoid abbreviations in the title. Abbreviations may be used in the text if they are defined when first used.

**Categories / Topics :**

**Shoulder**

- Rotator Cuff
- Instability
- Arthroplasty
- Fracture
- Basic Science
- Miscellaneous

**Elbow**

- Fracture
- Arthroplasty
- Soft tissue
- Basic Science

**First author:** Name, email, institution, business affiliation (department, school, agency, or company, etc.), city and country. In instances of multiple authorship, the person whose name is listed first is expected to deliver the presentation.

**Co-authors:** Names, email, institution/business information, country

**Abstract text:**

To provide a consistent format for reviewers and attendees, the abstract must be structured into the following four distinct paragraphs:

- Aim/ background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion



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**Please note that the abstract text must not include any information that could reveal the identity of the authors or their institutional affiliation.** This includes avoiding mentions of specific universities, hospitals, research centers, or geographic locations that could be used to identify the researchers.

The text and the title of the abstract should be free from abbreviations, except for those that are widely recognized and commonly used in the field. This ensures clarity and avoids confusion for reviewers who may not be familiar with specific abbreviations.

Submissions should be original contributions to the field.

Submissions in the form of meta-analyses, systematic reviews, or papers published prior to December 31, 2024, will not be considered.

**Abstracts which have otherwise been accepted for oral presentation at the SECEC congress will not be considered.**

### **Submission confirmation**

All submitters will receive a confirmation of submission by email. Your abstracts can also be viewed in the "My submissions" section.

If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation, please check your online submission status. Make sure that you have access to the email address you have used at the time of submission.

### **Abstract selection**

Each abstract will be reviewed by the Research Committee. The 5 top-ranked papers will be invited to present their work during a special session at the SECEC Annual Congress.

The submitters will be notified the acceptance/rejection by email.

Should your abstract be selected for an oral presentation, the first author (=presenter) will be asked to register for the congress within one month in order to confirm his/her acceptance.

Only presenters who have paid their registration fees will be confirmed in the Scientific Programme.

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The winner of the National Societies' Best Paper Award will be selected by a Jury composed of members of the Research and Membership Committees. The winner will be announced at the end of the session. He/ she will receive a free registration for the Annual Congress the year after.