

2026 HANS-PETER WAGNER PRIZE

Deadline for submission: **March 17, 2026 (Midnight CET; same as abstract submission, no extension)**

To be submitted via the online form [here](#).

No submissions are accepted by email and after the deadline.

Background

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Professor Hans-Peter Wagner in early 2022. Professor Wagner was a founding member of the SIOP Global Health Network (formerly known as SIOP PODC Committee) and our 2017 SIOP Lifetime Achievement Award winner. He was the head of the Paediatric Oncology Department of the University Hospital in Berne, Switzerland until 1995, as well as the creator and long-term president of the Swiss Paediatric Oncology Group (SPOG). He was the founder and president of the Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation Foundation, which is now the Berne Foundation for Children and Adolescents with Cancer. He began his career at a time when children with leukaemia or other paediatric cancers could not be cured.

Professor Wagner was a true pioneer in the field of paediatric oncology and his enthusiasm, drive and passion for his patients and colleagues will be dearly missed by our community. After his professional retirement, he remained very active and present in the SIOP Global Health Network (formerly PODC Committee).

We hope this prize will honour his work and follow his lead in reaching out beyond our own workplaces to collaborate with colleagues in less-resourced settings. This work impacts on the children and adolescents in the 90% of the world who do not enjoy high-income-level cancer care. He was and continues to be an inspiration to us all!

Candidate

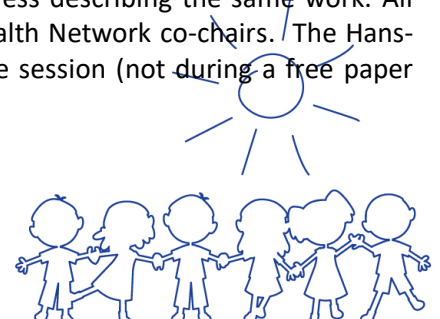
Applicants must be paid SIOP members for 2026 and residing in a LIC/LMIC/UMIC, and the work described must have been conducted in a LIC/LMIC/UMIC (according to the [World Bank List](#)). There is no applicant age restriction for this prize. The applicant's head of department must certify both of these points in the recommendation letter.

Adjudication

Selection will be based on a manuscript describing work performed by the candidate. The candidate must be the first author and have drafted the manuscript. Adjudication will consider originality, scientific rigor, and impact in LIC/LMIC/UMIC settings.

The article should be prepared as though for official publication (see Instructions for Authors) and should be written in English. It should not be more than 3500 words, 5 tables/figures, abstract of 250 words.

Authors are also required to submit an abstract to the SIOP Congress describing the same work. All abstracts will be scored by the Scientific Committee and Global Health Network co-chairs. The Hans-Peter Wagner Prize winner will present their work in a stand-alone session (not during a free paper session).



Important:

Previous Publications

The work must not have been previously accepted by or published in a peer reviewed journal at the time of abstract submission.

Previous Presentation

The work must not have been previously presented at a meeting of any other scientific organization with more than 500 attendees prior to the SIOp congress.

Instructions for Authors

- Articles must adequately describe the objectives and results of the research so that the quality, originality, and completeness of the work can be evaluated by the panel of judges.
- Each article should contain: an introduction indicating the purpose of the study; a description of pertinent experimental procedures, including statistical evaluation where appropriate; a summary of the results; and a statement of the conclusions.
- The applicants for this prize must accept sole responsibility for the statements in their articles.
- Abbreviations may be used in articles if they are defined. Particular attention should be given to identify complex chemotherapeutic regimens. Abbreviations are permitted in titles if they follow in parentheses immediately after the term being abbreviated. If used in text, they should be defined at first mention if not already defined in the title.

The Prize

The prize will consist of travelling expenses*, (return economy airfare between the winner's professional home city and the meeting venue) together with coverage of three nights' hotel costs and complimentary registration fees for the meeting.

* if we need to change the format of the congress to a virtual meeting in 2026, the travel support, free registration and membership will be carried forward to the next in-person congress.

It is expected that the winner will present his or her work at the time of the SIOp Congress. It will not be published in the Abstract Book.

It is further understood that the winning article may have co-authors, but that the first author must be the candidate who is awarded the Hans-Peter Wagner Prize. The manuscript should be accompanied by a letter stating the contribution of each co-author. It is further understood that all entries must be sponsored by the applicants' head of department certifying that the work reported is by the candidate themselves and that the applicant is a member of SIOp in good standing (membership status of SIOp can be also mentioned in the CV provided and does not need to be mentioned in the department head letter). The head of the department does not have to be a member of SIOp.

The title and authors of the paper selected for presentation at the annual congress will be printed in the meeting programme. SIOp will provide time during the annual congress for the presentation of the winning paper. The time allowed will be decided by the Scientific Committee.



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1. Complete article/manuscript
2. Full CV including recent publications
3. Covering letter from the author's mentor
4. An abstract describing the same work must be submitted to the SIOP 2026 Annual Congress San Antonio via the official congress abstract online submission – [click here](#)

Questions? Please contact our SIOP Office at info@siop-online

