



SGM-SSM

SWISS SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY  
SOCIÉTÉ SUISSE DE MICROBIOLOGIE  
SOCIETÀ SVIZZERA DI MICROBIOLOGIA  
SCHWEIZERISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR MIKROBIOLOGIE

## **Rules of the SGM-SSM Encouragement Award**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The SGM-SSM encouragement award distinguishes outstanding contributions in the field of microbiology in the areas of teaching, research as well as research & development, carried out in Switzerland or in close relationship with our country.

### **2 Award winner**

- 2.1 In the interest of encouraging young scientists, the award shall only be awarded to people who are younger than 35 years of age.
- 2.2 The award is awarded to a single person.
- 2.3. The SGM-SSM Committee can deviate from the afore-mentioned rules. An exception to those should be justified and will be decided upon by the SGM-SSM Committee.

### **3 Award / Award ceremony**

- 3.1 The SGM-SSM encouragement award is organised annually.
- 3.2 The amount of the prize is decided upon by the SGM-SSM Committee according to available budget.
- 3.3 The SGM-SSM encouragement award is presented to the winner on the occasion of the SGM-SSM annual meeting by the society's president or his/her representative.
- 3.4 On the occasion of the award ceremony, the award winner shall present the scientific achievements related to the award in a short closing lecture.
- 3.5 Travelling and accommodation costs shall be covered by SGM-SSM.

### **4 Applications**

- 4.1 Every SGM-SSM member is entitled to propose a candidate. Self-applications are also possible.
- 4.2 Applications are to be submitted to the SGM-SSM general secretary (see below) to the attention of the Committee, including a detailed justification of the outstanding contributions in the field of microbiology (see Art. 1), as well as the candidate's CV.
- 4.3 Applications must be submitted to the SGM-SSM general secretary before the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## 5 Judging / Decision

- 5.1 The SGM-SSM Committee acts as jury for awarding the encouragement award. The Committee may seek advice by third parties.
- 5.2 In the event of an equal amount of votes, the President's vote is counted twice.
- 5.3 If the applicant was proposed by the President, the double voting right is passed on to his/her deputy.
- 5.4 The SGM-SSM Committee is under no obligation to justify the decision process.

Zurich, 29th August 2025



Prof. Hubert Hilbi,  
SGM-SSM President 2025-2027

### **Applications must be sent to:**

Mrs. Nathalie Mermoud, General Secretary SGM-SSM, [secretary@swissmicrobiology.ch](mailto:secretary@swissmicrobiology.ch)