Grant for Research on Cerebrovascular Diseases

Regulations

Article 1

The Portuguese Stroke Society (SPAVC) awards annually a grant for research on projects dedicated to the study of cerebrovascular disease, with an amount of 5,000 euros.

Article 2

Purpose of the Grant

2.1. The Grant is aimed to finance, either partially or totally, the best project for scientific research on the area of Cerebrovascular Disease.

2.2. Projects will have a maximum duration of 2 years, from the moment when the grant is awarded up to the moment when the final report is delivered as a scientific article.

2.3. Only scientific work projects to be conducted, at least partially, in Portuguese institutions will be accepted.

Article 3

Application procedure

3.1. Applications shall be sent until the 31st of December and shall be accompanied by a detailed scientific project concerning the work to be conducted.

3.2. Applications shall be sent via email to the SPAVC's Board of Directors (dir@spavc.org) using the corresponding form that is available at the website www.spavc.org. Applications shall include the following components:
a) Application form with the purposes, rationale, and a detailed description of the project, including its schedule and ethical background.
b) CV of the Main Researcher.
c) Involved institutions and applying institution.
d) Financial plan of the project.
e) Declarations of commitment from the Main Researcher and participating institution. The Main Researcher shall state that they commit to taking on the scientific leadership of the project and the consequent responsibility of its good execution. They shall also state that the project is in accordance with the Helsinki Declaration for studies conducted in humans.

3.3. The Jury's decision shall be publicly announced at the SPAVC Conference of the following year with the correspondent monetary award.

Article 4

Constitution of the Jury

4.1. The Jury shall be presided by the President of SPAVC, or their substitute in case of inability to act. The Jury shall also be composed of the President of the Scientific Committee and two researchers with renowned scientific value, who shall be designated and invited by the SPAVC’s Board of Directors. In case a tie occurs, the President shall have the casting vote.

In case one of the Jury's members is author or co-author of any application, they shall state their inability to act and be replaced by another member to be designated by the President of the Jury.

The Jury shall be annually nominated for each new application period.

4.2. The Jury shall decide the frequency for delivering scientific and financial reports.
Article 5

Evaluation process

5.1. Methods for evaluation and classification:

a) The evaluation Jury shall consider the interest and value of the application, as well as the scientific value of the applicants and applying institutions.

b) The formal meeting with the physical presence of the members of the Jury might be replaced by alternative methods, to be suggested by the President.

c) Potential incompatibilities or conflicts of interest between applicants and members of the Jury shall be resolved after a suggestion from the President.

d) In case the opinions of the members of the Jury are inconsistent, or if the President of the Jury considers it convenient, they might request a written opinion from other national or foreign experts with renowned competence in that scientific area.

e) Projects from Portuguese institutions will be preferred.

5.2. In case the Jury believes none of the applying projects has enough value, they shall not award the Grant.

Article 6

Monitoring committee

6.1. After announcing the Grant award, the Jury gathers in a committee to monitor the work.

6.2. The monitoring committee is responsible for verifying work compliance according to the presented project.

6.3. The awarded researchers shall deliver periodical reports to the monitoring committee to report any progress achieved and expenses incurred (scientific and financial reports).

6.4. The final results of the project shall be presented in SPAVC's meetings and shall be published in a national or foreign journal of renowned scientific value within two years.
6.5. The presentations and publications regarding the awarded work shall mention SPAVC as a scientific promoter and supporter.

6.6. The researchers shall deliver a copy of the published scientific documents to the SPAVC’s Board of Directors.

**Article 7**

The Board of Directors of SPAVC is responsible for solving cases omitted in the present regulations.