



THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE VERENIGING VIR HANDCHIRURGIE

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

1. **Closing date: 30 June 2025**
2. Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for each paper followed by five (5) minutes discussion time
3. The presenter's name should be underlined.
4. Abstract must be typed with a maximum length 200 words.
5. Indicate department and/or institution of first author, full address and contact details
6. Proofread your abstract for typographic errors. It will not be corrected prior to publication.
7. **NB: Fax transmissions and postal submissions will not be accepted**
8. Organise the abstract according to the following sub-headings:
 - Aims of study
 - Method
 - Results
 - Conclusion
9. If you are unable to upload your abstract via our website, kindly send as an attachment via email to: Andi Askew sahandsociety@gmail.com
Subject line to contain: *Abstract SASSH – your name*

Please see below, the list of **Prizes and Awards** that are currently available!

PRIZES & AWARDS

Members, consultants, junior consultants, registrars, physiotherapists and occupational therapists are invited to participate for the following awards

SASSH REGISTRAR PRIZE:

R7 000.00

This award is available for the best paper read at the SASSH Congress by a registrar or junior consultant (i.e. within one year after qualification and/or registration). The papers will be judged according to: Originality; quality of content and presentation; clarity; value; logical deduction.

SASSH THERAPIST PRIZE:

R5 000.00

This prize is sponsored by SASSH and is presented for the best paper read at the SASSH Congress by a hand therapist (physio- or occupational therapist). The papers will be judged according to: Originality; quality of content and presentation; clarity; value; logical deduction.

LITERARY AWARDS:

R5 000 - R10 000

All papers that are published in a peer reviewed, non-open access journal will be eligible for an award subject to the Exco's approval. Papers published in a local journal will be eligible for a R5000 award, and papers published in an international journal will be eligible for a R10 000 award.

These prizes are sponsored by SASSH for publications by a registrar or consultant between 1 January and 31 December of the previous year.

VERTICE PRIZE FOR THE BEST RESEARCH PAPER



This prize is sponsored by Vertice and awarded annually for the best research paper presented at the SASSH Congress.

The prize is open to all categories of currently paid-up members of SASSH. The value of this award includes the cost of all flights, accommodation and registration fees to attend the following year's FESSH (Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand) Congress.

The papers will be judged according to the following criteria: Originality, content, presentation, value and validity, logical deduction. Papers will be judged by the members of the Executive Committee of SASSH as well as one independent judge who will be the invited international guest, and their decision shall be final.

MEDHOLD MEDICAL PRIZE FOR BEST ORIGINAL PAPER**R35 000.00**

This grant is sponsored by MEDHOLD MEDICAL and awarded annually to a member of SASSH for the best original paper.

The award will cover expenses to attend a preferred overseas course/congress accessing hand surgery expertise.

The papers will be judged according to the following criteria: Originality, content, presentation, value and validity, logical deduction. Papers will be judged by the members of the Executive Committee of SASSH as well as one independent judge who will be the invited international guest, and their decision shall be final.

SASSH TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP IN HAND SURGERY:**R30 000.00**

The Travelling Fellowship award is to enable a paid-up member of SASSH to travel and visit one or more centres of excellence in Hand Surgery.

The following conditions apply:

1. The candidate must be selected from a teaching unit in South Africa
2. The candidate must submit his/her application, proposed itinerary and curriculum vitae to the Honorary Secretary of SASSH
3. The successful candidate will be selected by the Executive Committee of SASSH and its decision will be final
4. The successful candidate must provide a written commitment to return to South Africa to promote the development of hand surgery in South Africa for at least two (2) years after his/her return
5. The candidate will report back at the annual SASSH congress