

MARIO RICCIARDI AWARD

CALL FOR 2 AWARDS IN MEMORY OF MARIO RICCIARDI

4TH EDITION

AWARD GUIDELINES

**1. Object and purpose of the announcement**

A.I.L.E. onlus announces 2 awards for the Best Scientific Article, on issues concerning Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), in memory of Mario Ricciardi. A selective procedure for two scientific articles published during the two-year period 2024-2025 is announced.

**2. Eligibility criteria of the scientific articles**

Articles published in indexed scientific journals will be considered for the awards when the "Corresponding Author" or the "First Author" is a young researcher under the age of 45 at the date of application. The publication date is the one corresponding to the publication "on line first" if available; otherwise, the printed publication will be considered valid. Reviews of scientific literature are not allowed. Only results of original scientific research on ISI journals are permitted.

**3. Beneficiary of the prize**

The prizes will be awarded to authors as qualified in the previous article. There are no prizes for co-authors.

**4. Amount of the two prizes**

A first prize of **€ 2000,00** (€ two thousand/ 00) net, and a second prize of **€ 1500,00** (€ One thousand and five hundreds/ 00) net, are granted for the purchase of services that are **relevant for scientific training** (participation in training events, conferences, etc.) or **for consumer goods that are also useful to the lab** they belong (purchase of equipment, materials etc.)

**5. How to apply**

The submission of the work to be evaluated for the award must be carried out by the Author, as described in Article 2, by sending the article in PDF format together with the completed application form and a valid identity document. Applications must be submitted no later than **30 September 2026** either **ONLINE** via the application form available on the AILE website or by **EMAIL** to premioricerca@aileonlus.eu, indicating in the subject line: **"Award for the Best Scientific Article"**.



6. Evaluation method

The paper ranking, carried out by the AILE scientific commission, will be done on the basis of the **"Impact factor"** bibliographic indexes published respectively in the **JCR and Scopus databases**. The evaluation will be done using the following formula for the attribution of the score:

TOTAL SCORE = P. ASSIGN + P. AUTHOR POSITION + P. CORRESPONDING AUTHOR

- a) P. ASSIGN = Impact factor score + Median Impact factor + Aggregate impact factor
- b) P. AUTHOR POSITION = Score derived from the author's position in the article (+1 point for the first author, +2 point for the last author)
- c) P. CORRESPONDING AUTHOR = Derived score if corresponding author (+ 1 point if the author is also corresponding author).



7. Awarding of the prize in case of ex equo

In case of ex equo between multiple publications the prizes will be divided equally among the Authors as qualified in Article 2.



8. Publication of results

The rank of submitted publications will be approved by the scientific committee of AILE and published on its website.



9. This guideline will be available on A.I.L.E. website: <https://www.aileonlus.org>

Date 30th July 2026

the President Signature

