



EFLM Walter Guder Preanalytical Award

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The EFLM Walter Guder Preanalytical Award is granted to the best published paper, as judged by an independent panel of experts, demonstrating an important and novel contribution to the advancement of the preanalytical phase. EFLM is very pleased to have partnered with BD on this award, through which we intend to achieve wider recognition of the importance of high-quality research in the field of preanalytical phase among laboratory professionals in Europe. The Award, consisting of a sum of 5,000 Euro in addition to the coverage of the conference registration and travel/accommodation expenses, will be presented to the winner at the 7th EFLM Conference on Preanalytical Phase in Padova (IT) on 12-13 December 2025.

The Award will be presented to the First Author, who is responsible for division of the award among his/her co-authors.

Applications must be submitted by the first author of the paper and must be accompanied by:

- Reprint of the publication or (in case of publications in press) a manuscript copy and a copy of the journal Editor's letter indicating the final acceptance for publication;
- A short bio sketch of the submitting author;
- Document proving the membership to an EFLM Full Member National Society/Association;
- Copy of the ID proving the age of the applicant;
- Statement signed by all authors of the publication consenting to submission of the paper for the Award and to the conditions of entry.

Entry Criteria

- the submitting author must be a young scientist less than 40 years of age as of 1st January 2025, First Author of the paper and from a National Society/Association Full Member of EFLM. The applicant is limited to one submission only;
- entries must be published studies demonstrating an important and novel contribution to the advancement of the preanalytical phase. **Only original research articles are eligible.** Reviews, opinion papers, or papers out of the scope of the Award will not be accepted for evaluation;
- entries must have been published or finally accepted for publication between the year of the award and the previous full calendar year and must be published in English in a peer-reviewed medical, scientific or health economics journal;
- all authors of the publication have to agree on the submission of the paper for the Award and to the conditions of entry;
- the applicant must not have applied or be nominated for any other on-going EFLM or IFCC Awards and neither must result as the winner of those Awards in the same year when the award is presented.

Applications should be submitted via e-mail to EFLM at eflm@eflm.eu by 30 September 2025

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