ECAM | Award Evaluation Guidelines

2026 Annual Awards · Guidance for the Award Evaluation Committee

Purpose and Scope

These guidelines support consistent, fair, transparent, and documented evaluation of candidates for the Eurasian Clinical and Analytical Medicine (ECAM) Annual Awards. Awards are granted only when category-specific criteria are met.

Award Categories and Key Selection Criteria

AWARD CATEGORY	PRIMARY SELECTION CRITERIA
Best Original Research Award 2026	Originality, clear hypothesis, sound methods, valid analysis, and meaningful scientific contribution.
Researcher of the Year (2026)	Documented research output and quality during the defined year; originality, leadership, and research integrity.
Best Clinical Research Award 2026	Patient-centered design, clinically meaningful outcomes, appropriate methods, and ethical approval.
Best Paper Award 2026	Strongest overall scientific contribution among eligible published article types.
Author of the Year Award 2026	Verifiable authorship contributions to ECAM publications, scientific quality, and publication integrity.
Best Case Report Award 2026	Educational value, diagnostic or clinical insight, and CARE reporting; rarity alone is insufficient.
Young Investigator Award 2026	Published age/career eligibility requirements, individual contribution, and future research potential.
Best Review Article Award 2026	Comprehensive, balanced, up-to-date synthesis; transparent approach and reliable sources.
Clinical Innovation Award 2026	Novel clinical approach with plausible benefit, feasibility, safety, and appropriate evidence.
Outstanding Reviewer Award 2026	Review quality, timeliness, constructive feedback, confidentiality, and ethical conduct.
Best Surgical Research Award 2026	Methodologically sound advances in surgical practice, safety, technique, or patient outcomes.
Clinical Impact Award 2026	Demonstrable relevance to clinical decisions, patient management, or clinical practice.
Translational Research Award 2026	Credible translation of basic or preclinical findings toward diagnosis, treatment, or care.
Diagnostic Excellence Award 2026	Diagnostic validity, reference standards, accuracy, and clinical applicability.
Editor's Choice Award 2026	Documented editorial selection based on originality, scientific merit, and journal relevance.
Best Multicenter Study Award 2026	Genuine multicenter design, consistency across sites, and generalizability of findings.
Most Cited Article Award 2026	Verified citation totals from a prespecified source, eligibility window, and cutoff date.
Most Downloaded Article Award 2026	Verified PDF downloads during a defined period, excluding automated or invalid traffic.
Most Read Article Award 2026	Verified article views during a defined period, excluding automated or invalid traffic.
Best Experimental Research Award 2026	Rigorous experimental design, appropriate controls, transparent methods, and biological relevance.

Evaluation and Decision Principles

Eligibility: Confirm publication year, article type, award category, and relevant data period; individual awards require verifiable personal contributions. **Scientific assessment:** Consider originality, rigor, ethical compliance, reporting quality, and scientific or clinical impact. **Impartiality:** Declare conflicts of interest and recuse conflicted evaluators; paid services, acceptance decisions, and personal relationships must not influence selection. **Documentation:** Record evidence and a concise rationale; final decisions require editorial approval. An award may be withheld if no candidate qualifies.

Ethical Framework

The process draws on general principles of research integrity, editorial independence, transparency, and conflict-of-interest management associated with AMA, ICMJE, COPE, and WAME. This does not imply endorsement of the awards program by these organizations.