

# Rules governing the Prescrire Prize

**Every year, selection of the winners of the Prescrire Prize involves two phases: an initial selection of works chosen from amongst those reviewed by Prescrire's Editorial Staff, and then the final selection.**

## Purpose

The Prescrire Prize aims to recognise, each year, works which bring about a better understanding of the factors that contribute to quality health care, or innovative projects which further the cause of improved access to quality health care.

## Criteria

The Prescrire Prize is the result of analysis of documents, publications, brochures, websites, theses or other documents in print, audio or video format, as well as of various projects. This analysis is carried out in total independence by Prescrire's Editorial Staff and the results are reported in the French journal *Prescrire* throughout the year leading up to the year for which the Prize is awarded.

The selection is based on criteria of usefulness for healthcare professionals and for the public, reliability and ease of use. The criteria of adaptation to needs and of ease of use are evaluated by members of Prescrire's Editorial Staff, which is composed mainly of healthcare professionals. Other healthcare professionals may be asked, if necessary, to evaluate the work in their daily activities, or other persons concerned by the subject may be called upon. The criterion of reliability designates the scientific rigor of the content and of its presentation.

Projects are analysed based on various documents outlining the history, organisation, limitations and advantages observed, and whether these are reproducible or not.

Documents and projects are analysed in light of their stated objectives. Other factors are taken into account in the analysis: whether claims are

supported by argumentation and, when possible, by references, distinguishing established fact from hypothesis; the citation of outside sources and the methodologies used, etc.

## Jury

The analysis of documents and projects is carried out collectively and in all independence by a jury made up of members of the Prescrire Editorial Staff.

Individuals who took part in the creation of the documents and projects being considered may not be members of the jury.

## Prize ceremony

The winners of the Prescrire Prize are informed as soon as the Editorial Staff has made its selection, usually around the month of May.

In October, the announcement of the winners of the Prize to the public is an event to which Prescrire invites the relevant authors, publishers, creators and representatives, as well as other participants and the trade and general press. The event includes a debate that is open to all, and which is broadcast live on Prescrire's website.

The costs of this event, as well as the participants' travel expenses, are paid for by Prescrire.

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