Report of Global Sponsorship Committee: Activities from 2020
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The members of the Global Sponsorship Committee are: Alessandra Fidelis (Brazil, chair), David Zelený (Taiwan), Alireza Naqinezhad (Iran), Camila Wellstein (Italy), Lauchlan Fraser (Canada) and Peter C. Le Roux (South Africa).

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, our annual meeting was cancelled. Before the meeting was cancelled, we have received five applications, and I wrote to all applicants to inform about the meeting cancellation.

Since our annual meeting will be virtual in 2021, this year the grant will cover the Registration fee (Registration grant), and the criteria are:

Selection criteria
- Applicant must be a member of IAVS and give oral or poster presentation at the symposium. If you are not a member yet, you can join at the IAVS Membership Page (reduced and free membership is available for persons with financial constraints).
- The applicant can be a student or researcher.
- Evaluation by committee members is based on a) motivation letter (+CV) and b) abstract. The evaluation is done on scale 0 (poor) to 5 (excellent).
- The final evaluation is including also professional age criteria: graduate (MSc or PhD) student = 5, post-doc = 4, researcher/professor/other = 2. This will be added to the table in the end.
- The final calculation is based on the average from abstract + motivation letter/CV + professional age, with the following weights: abstract 2/5, motivation & CV 2/5, professional age 1/5.

The awarded would cover the complete cost of the registration

Applicants should submit for evaluation:
- A motivation letter: In the motivation letter (maximum 1 page), explain why you want to attend the IAVS Symposium, its possible benefits to your future research, and if applicable, how previous experiences/success with other conferences have helped your research. State clearly that you have no or only partial financial support from your institution for attending the IAVS Symposium. If you do have other support, state the amount in Euros.
- A brief CV.
- Abstract

All abstracts will be evaluated by two GSC members and one reviewer of the scientific committee. Differently from previous years, all grantees, independently of where they come from or if they have received grants in former years, will have the entire Registration fee covered.