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"Diagnostic May 2019"
— Competition

The "Diagnostic May" conference, organized every two years by the *Lublin Branch of the Polish Society of Laboratory Diagnostics,* has found permanent space in the calendar of scientific events. The main goal of this venture is to encourage active participation of young diagnosticians in conferences and conventions devoted to diagnostics and laboratory medicine. The focal point of these events is a competition for the best mini-lecture presentation.

During several last conferences we witnessed marked improvement of the quality of delivered speeches, better confidence and speaking skills and wider range of interesting topics. Unfortunately, we know from experience that lectures are usually soon forgotten despite the great effort put into their preparation and public presentation. The audience has the lingering impression of uniqueness and excellence of some presentations, but... to keep them in mind for longer seems an impossible task. This is related to the capacity of human memory and the ability to apply newly acquired data into everyday practice. For this reason we have decided to change the formula of "Diagnostic May" conference and competition. The new form of this prestigious project guarantees the durability of effort invested by Authors in the preparation of presented lectures.

And so this year, the best papers in Laboratory Diagnostics prepared by young scientists of the medical profession (laboratory diagnostician, nurses or physicians) with a license to practice, will not only be **awarded** and **presented in form of lecture** during the Conference planned for October 2019 but will also be **published** in the *Journal of Transfusion Medicine.*

The organizers of the 2019 Competition are:

— Lublin Branch of the Polish Society of Laboratory Diagnostics,
— Clinic of General, Oncological and Metabolic Surgery at the Institute of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine.

The competition takes place under the auspices of:

— Association for Treatment of Massive Hemorrhage.

Rules for the *Laboratory Diagnostics* best work competition

1. Any manuscript eligible for competition should be an original work or a diagnostic-case analysis prepared by a person whose license to practice by the end of 2019 does not exceed 10 years.
2. The manuscript will be considered for review if the "young diagnostician, nurse or doctor" is the first Author or if the co-authors (in collective work) confirm the first Author's minimum 40% contribution in research design, data collection, analysis of results and preparation of the manuscript.
3. The competition rules do not provide for review papers and systematic literature reviews.
4. The content of the submitted manuscripts should refer to methodological issues, diagnostic techniques, non-standard laboratory techniques and testing of non-standard material for diagnostics, measurement errors, critical values determining techniques, etc.
5. Submitted manuscripts are subjected to preliminary evaluation by the Scientific Committee and peer-reviewed by undisclosed reviewers. The final decision regarding publication and evaluation shall rest with the Editorial Committee.
6. Eligible are also manuscripts accepted for printing or published in 2019 in a peer-review journal.
7. Manuscripts can be submitted in Polish or English. The works presented in Polish must have the title, abstract and keywords in English.
8. The submission deadline is the last day of April 2019.
9. The competition results were announced in mid-September 2019.

Manuscripts with the highest rating will be presented in the form of lecture at the October 2019 conference. During the conference prizes will be handed out and the awarded works published in the *Journal of Transfusion Medicine*.

Journal of Transfusion Medicine is a quarterly published by Via Medica and the Institute of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine. It presents original and peer-review papers, case reports and accounts from international conventions. It appears with a **20** point-rating on the Ministry of Science and Higher Education list of journals and peer-reviewed materials from international conferences published on July 31 2019.