

CHIESI AWARD 2025 for pneumology

Regulations

This prize is awarded to a project with societal impact within the field of pneumology.

The application form should be returned by e-mail to : info@bers.be before Monday 3th November 2025.

ART. 1

In order to promote the quality of care in Belgium in the field of pneumology, the company CHIESI sa/nv, with registered office at 1930 Zaventem, Luchthaven Brussel Nationaal 1K and with company number 0826.654.883 (Chiesi), supports the award of a society prize, which will be called the "**CHIESI societal prize 2025 for Pneumology**".

ART. 2

The call for projects for the CHIESI prize is organised by the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS).

ART. 3

The "**CHIESI societal prize 2025 for Pneumology**" is 12,500 euros.

ART. 4

The submission should be made by a member of the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS). Applicants must be of Belgian or Luxembourg nationality, or of any other nationality provided they have obtained their degree at a Belgian university for more than five years or have been attached to a Belgian university department for more than five years. The project team may consist of third parties.

ART. 5

The projects must be submitted to the BeRS Office by email (info@bers.be) before **Monday 3th November 2025** An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent within five working days.

ART. 6

Each project shall comply with the following conditions of submission :

- 1) The project must meet an existing social need in the field of respiratory pathology;
- 2) The project's central aim must be to improve the quality of care for the patient directly or indirectly (via doctor, nurse, pharmacist, carer, applications, internet, adapted transport, education, detection or any other channel or means);
- 3) It is not fundamental or translational basic research. The social relevance or improvement of care is directly present;
- 4) The project must be original and non-commercial. Feasibility must be demonstrated when examining the file;
- 5) It is not dependent on another project, or it should be autonomous if linked to another project ;
- 6) The project has not been financially supported by existing funds and there are no pending applications;
- 7) The project will be carried out in Belgium.

The following documents are to be supplied with the submission:

- summary of the project (in English - max one A4 - Font Size 11)
- clear objective with result definition including rationale and references
- comprehensive project plan including timelines, budget and feasibility analysis
- short CV of the main actors in the project

ART. 7

The jury is charged with objectively assessing all the projects in order to award the project with the highest potential and impact. The jury will be composed in the course of the month following the deadline for submission as stipulated in Article 5.

The jury is composed of

- The Board of Directors of the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS),
- the heads of department or their delegates from the Pulmonary Departments of the Belgian universities who are not part of them.

The scientific secretary of the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS) is the chairman of the jury. The deliberation modalities of the Jury are determined by the Internal Regulations.

ART. 8

Only one project can win. If, in the opinion of the Jury, none of the works meet the criteria set out in Article 6, the Prize will not be awarded. In this case, the awarding of the Prize will be automatically postponed.

ART. 9

The Prize will be officially awarded, in collaboration with the company Chiesi, on the occasion of the annual congress "Belgian Pneumology Days" during the Awards session. The scientific secretary should officially communicate the decision of the jury at the latest two weeks before the congress.

ART. 10

Chiesi sa/nv has the right to use this project in both internal and external communications. The project itself remains the property of the submitter unless otherwise defined. The winner will always clearly mention in his communication that the project has been realised with the support and collaboration of the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS) and Chiesi.

ART. 11

When winning the prize, the candidate commits to use the prize only for the submitted project and will therefore keep the supporting documents. During the project, a 6-monthly update will be given to Chiesi and the BeRS about the spent funds and the status of the project.