

Criteria For Selection And Award Of
“Prof.Dr.Ms.T.S.Kanaka Memorial Prize”
For Best Paper Presented By A TANS Life Member Qualified Woman Neurosurgeon
At The TANS Annual Conference Held Every Year

The prize and session is named after (Late) Prof.Dr.Ms.T.S.Kanaka, Former Emeritus Professor, The Madras Institute of Neurology (MIN), Chennai, India. It was enabled by a donation of INR.Five lakhs to TANS in September 2023 by the trustees of Sri Santhana Krishna Padmavathi Healthcare And Research Foundation, founded by (Late) Prof.Dr.Ms.T.S.Kanaka.

1. A separate non-concurrent session of a maximum duration of one hour will be conducted at the TANS annual conference every year for selecting the best paper presented by a TANS life member qualified woman neurosurgeon to award the “Prof.Dr.Ms.T.S.Kanaka Memorial Prize”, and the prize will be awarded during the same conference. An introduction about the prize will be given by the Organising Secretary of the TANS annual conference at the beginning of this session.
2. This session will be organised and coordinated by Dr.Mrs.G.Vijaya, Neurosurgeon, or if she is not available to do so, by the Lady Neurosurgeon EC member, along with the Organising Secretary of the TANS annual conference.
3. The session will be conducted immediately after the session for the TANS annual award for best Neurosurgery post-graduate student paper.
4. A panel of five judges will be formed three months before the TANS annual conference by Dr.Mrs.G.Vijaya, Neurosurgeon, or if she is not available to do so, by the Lady Neurosurgeon EC member of TANS, with the concurrence of TANS President to select a maximum of five papers suitable for presentation at the conference and to select the winner of the prize at the conference.

The panel of five judges will consist of:

- a. Dr.Mrs.G.Vijaya, Neurosurgeon, or if she is not available, Lady Neurosurgeon EC member of TANS (Head of the panel)
- b. TANS President
- c. Chairman of the scientific sessions committee of TANS annual conference
- d. Head of the department of Neurosurgery, Institute of Neurosurgery, Madras Medical College
- e. TANS Life member Neurosurgeon from a government teaching institution apart from MMC/
TANS Life member Neurosurgeon from a non-government teaching institution/ TANS Life member Neurosurgeon who is not part of a teaching institution, by rotation every year.

The head of the panel of judges must ensure that no presenter is appointed as a judge.

5. All presentations for the prize should be sent in the format to be published in Neurology India journal between two and three months before the TANS annual conference to the head of the panel of judges with a signed undertaking that it is their original work and the mandatory disclosures and disclaimers.

6. The presentations will be judged for their relevance to neurosurgery, originality and quality.
7. The panel of judges should select a maximum of five papers to be presented in this session at the TANS annual conference, and the head of the panel of judges must communicate the list of presentations to the conference Organising Secretary at least one month before the TANS annual conference.
8. A minimum of three TANS life member qualified woman Neurosurgeons should be selected from among all entries to present papers in this session at the TANS annual conference for one of them to be selected for the prize. If at least three presentations are not found suitable for presenting, or if there are less than three presentations before or on the day of the presentation, the session will be cancelled. If no presentation made at the conference is found suitable for awarding the prize, the prize will not be awarded. If no prize is awarded during the annual conference, or if the session is not conducted, the prize amount dedicated for that year will be added to the corpus [SOP to be followed is given below].
9. Each presentation should be for a maximum period of seven minutes with an additional three minutes for questions by the judges. If the presentation exceeds seven minutes, the head of the panel of judges is authorised to mandatorily terminate the presentation, including by switching off the audio and video, and that presentation will not be eligible to contest for the prize. Questions regarding the presentation may be sent to the head of the panel of judges by TANS members in the audience during the presentation or even earlier.
10. The prize will consist of a medal and a citation. The corpus amount for the prize will be the INR.Five lakhs presented to TANS in September 2023 by Sri Santhana Krishna Padmavathi Healthcare And Research Foundation. The interest from the corpus amount deposited as a fixed deposit in the same bank where the TANS account is held, after deduction of taxes etc, will be used for the prize. If the prize is not awarded in a particular year, the interest amount, after deduction of taxes etc, will be added to the corpus as a separate fixed deposit in the same bank where the TANS account is held. If there are multiple additional fixed deposits, they can be clubbed and consolidated together without adding to or disturbing the original corpus of INR.Five lakhs. TANS Treasurer will coordinate this.
11. All the presenters should be encouraged by the head of the panel of judges to publish their work in Neurology India or other similar indexed journal immediately after the TANS annual conference.
12. In case of any disagreement among the panel of judges, the TANS annual conference organising team, or anyone else, the decision of the TANS President will be final.

Approved by EC via a WhatsApp poll that ended on 08.October.2023 with eighteen members approving and two members not approving.