

**PACE AWARD: Patient Centricity
BHS - BMS -Takeda**

1. Introduction

1.1. Context:

BHS, with the support of BMS (Bristol Myers Squibb) and Takeda, will grant a maximum total cash prize of 20,000 EUR to encourage the development of 1 or 2 innovating projects focused on the optimisation care of patients suffering from blood diseases. For this purpose, the BHS is organising a "patient centricity" award, called the **PACE AWARD**.

1.2. Aim:

To stimulate clinical projects intended to advance the care of patients suffering from blood diseases.

2. Participation requirements

2.1. Which projects are eligible?

- Clinical projects focused on the optimisation of care for patients with blood disorders, both in hospital or outpatient setting (with a link to the hospital).
- The project must not fall within the definition of clinical research and may not be directly or indirectly linked to the use of a specific pharmaceutical speciality.
- The project must be carried out in compliance with the Protection of Privacy Law.

2.2. Who can apply?

The candidate must fulfil all criteria below:

- be a natural person
- be a member of BHS
- may not be an employee of the pharmaceutical industry

The BHS encourages projects that:

- involves a multidisciplinary team: the project must be supervised by a hematologist but the project leader can be one paramedical professional practicing in a hospital setting (i.e. nurse, social worker, pharmacist, physiotherapist)
- includes the consultation of patients or patient organisations

2.3. How and when to submit the application?

The application must preferably be written in English* and must consist of

- an information form containing the different project members and including the curriculum vitae of the applicant (see annex 1)
- a summary in abstract format with a maximum of 2500 characters (including spaces) for possible publication in the Belgian Journal of Hematology (annex 2)
- a detailed project form with a maximum of 3 pages including a budget estimate (annex 3).

* applications in French or Dutch are acceptable, but the abstract/summary must be in English

More details on the composition of the application appear in the "annexes" chapter at the end of this document. The annexes include forms which must be completed by the candidates for the purpose of the application. The candidate must complete the compulsory information, otherwise the application will not be considered eligible.

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The application forms will be available on the BHS website (<https://bhs.be/practice/pace-award>). They should be uploaded on the online platform designed for the PACE AWARD before midnight at a date to be determined yearly but falling at the beginning of December.

3. The jury and their responsibilities

3.1. Composition:

The jury of the PACE AWARD will be composed of the following members:

- multidisciplinary health care professionals amongst who
 - ° 2 haematologists representing the BHS board
 - ° 1 or 2 patient group representatives
 - ° paramedical health care professionals (nurse, pharmacist,..)
- the Medical Director of BMS, who will have no right to vote and/or to express an opinion
- the Medical Director of Takeda, who will have no right to vote and/or to express an opinion

3.2. Commitment to impartiality and confidentiality:

All of the jury members of the PACE AWARD commit to:

- deliberating and making decisions in a fully independent way
- deliberating objectively and in a collegial manner, according to the evaluation criteria listed in the regulation
- using the documents strictly confidentially, only for the purpose of the award assessment

3.3. Declaration of conflict of interest:

A jury member cannot evaluate or vote for an application in the following circumstances:

- in the event of the application of a team with a direct link to the jury member

3.4. Methods of assignment:

The PACE AWARD is given with a majority of votes, after deliberation of the above mentioned independent jury. In the event that one or several of the jury members must abstain from voting for the reasons mentioned above under section 3.3, then the award decision will be taken by the majority of votes of the remaining jury members.

3.5. Announcement of results:

The results of the PACE AWARD competition will be announced by a representative of the jury as part of the general annual meeting (GAM) of the BHS.

The winners will be personally informed before the GAM, during which they will present their project in English using a visual aid.

4. Project evaluation criteria:

On a total of 20 points:

- Relevance and impact of the project in the improvement of care of the patient (5 points)
- Originality of the project in terms of the proposed theme (in terms of design, covering of specific requirements and implementation) (5 points)
- Feasibility of the project (5 points)
- Multidisciplinary aspect of the project (2 points)
- Consultation of patients or patient organisations (2 points)
- Relevance of the budget estimate underlying the project (1 point)

5. PACE AWARD amount:

A maximum of two Awards can be given annually. The maximum amount of 20.000 € will be split between the winners. Seauton will transfer the amount as appointed secretariat from BHS.

6. Commitments of the winner:

The winner commits to:

- presenting the project at the GAM meeting
- giving a short overview of the advancements of the project at the GAM meeting 12 months after winning the award

Prior to the transfer of the award, the winner and BHS will enter into a contractual commitment according to the terms of the commitment letter in annex to this regulation.

The project results can be presented by the winner at a conference, a press conference, or any other event.

In the event of an interruption or an early termination of the project without a valid reason as described in the commitment letter in annex to this regulation, the winner commits to refund the amount of the award for the amount unused on the day of interruption or cessation of the project.

The winner commits to declaring receipt of the award according to the laws in force.

7. Publication for the general public:

BHS commits to respect the aforesaid legal requirements and as such will make any information required public according to the conditions foreseen by law.

8. Data processing and civil liberties law:

Personal data concerning the natural participants are subject to data processing implemented by the BHS. Seauton (the BHS Secretariat) is committed to safeguarding the privacy of our clients and all the participants of the meetings, congresses, product launches, study trips and trade missions we organise for our clients. [This link to our Privacy Notice](#) is intended to inform you of the ways in which we collect personal information, the uses to which that information will be put, and the ways in which we will protect *any personal information you choose to provide us directly or via our client*.

The natural candidates acknowledge this and accept this at the moment of submission of their application. In accordance with the Law on Privacy, natural participants benefit from a right of access, correction and opposition specific to the data concerning them.

9. Regulatory submission of the regulation:

The BHS secretariat will contact the award winner regarding the legal and fiscal documents required to be able to make the payment.

10. Settlement of complaints:

Any complaints about the interpretation or execution of this regulation will be submitted, failing agreement, and despite best efforts to avoid litigation, to the competent tribunals of Brussels.

ANNEXES:

- ✓ **Annex 1: Information form**
- ✓ **Annex 2: Project summary form** (maximum 2500 characters)
- ✓ **Annex 3: Detailed project form** (maximum 3 pages, including relevant references - double-spaced; font size = 12; numbered pages)
- ✓ **Annex 4: Commitment letter**
- ✓ **Annex 5: Checklist with the eligibility criteria**

**Annex 1:
Information form**

Applicant (please add curriculum vitae):

- Name:
- Profession:
- Hospital and department:
- Contact address:
- Year of birth:

Other team members:

- Name:
- Profession:
- Hospital and department:
- Contact address:
- Year of birth:

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**Annex 2:
Project Summary**

Project title:

Key words: (3 to 5 key words)

Project summary in English: (max 2500 characters, including spaces)

The summary should describe the project in a concise and informative way, in an abstract format as is requested by the Belgian Journal of Hematology.

**Annex 3:
Detailed project form**

Preferably in English, but applications in French or Dutch will be accepted

Project title:

Background:

Aim:

Description of the project:

Duration:

Patients and services included:

Project evaluation criteria:

Multidisciplinarity of the participants and role:

Expected value and benefit of the project:

For patients

For other (hospital teams, hospital management, caregivers.....)

Provisional budget estimate, mentioning if this is a new project, or if extra funding is asked for an existing project and mentioning other funding that has been asked or granted:

Implementation timetable:

Relevant References:

Annex 4:

Commitment letter



**LETTER OF COMMITMENT
BHS PACE AWARD
(Patient Centricity Award)**

With this letter I, "**name BHS President**", in my capacity as President of the Belgian Hematology Society, declare that "**name award winner**" has been awarded the Patient Centricity Award "**award year to be added**" and commits him/herself to:

- present the project at the General Annual Meeting (GAM) of the BHS
- provide a report on the advancements of the project to the jury, at the end of the 12 months following the assignment of the award; this can be done by a presentation at the General Annual Meeting of the BHS.
- present the project results during the General Annual Meetings of the BHS, a press conference, or any other event, as requested by the BHS
- refund the amount of the award that is unused on the day of interruption or early termination of the project without a valid reason
- declare receipt of the award according to the laws in force.

Name and signature

BHS President

Name and signature

PACE Award winner

Annex 5:
Checklist with the eligibility criteria

Make sure your project fulfills all criteria mentioned below before you submit your application. Projects not fulfilling these criteria will not be eligible for the award.

- ✓ The applicant is a member of the BHS in good order of payment
- ✓ The project focuses on the optimisation of care for patients with blood disorders (hematological patients)
- ✓ The project must be supervised by a hematologist but the project can be led by a paramedical health care professional practicing in a hospital setting (e.g. nurse, social worker, pharmacist, physiotherapist,..)
- ✓ The project has a link with the hospital, even if it focuses on outpatient care
- ✓ The project does not involve the use of specific pharmaceutical drugs
- ✓ The project is not a clinical research project
- ✓ The award (prize money) cannot be allocated to fund a salary, but it can cover activity and material costs
- ✓ The applicant is not an employee of the pharmaceutical industry

o The following are not must-to-have eligibility criteria but are highly encouraged to be met. The BHS encourages the submission of projects that:

- involve a multi-disciplinary team
- include the consultation of patients of patient organisations