

Thea inteRnational inteRnational  
cOntest of clinical cases in  
PatHologies of the eYe  
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**TROPHY rules 2017-2018**

Article 1 – Overview

The Thea inteRnational cOntest of clinical cases in PatHologies of the eYe (TROPHY) is designed to encourage presentation and communication skills of residents and fellows in ophthalmology.

It is an online contest organized in two rounds. The TROPHY is open to international residents and fellows of the countries listed in Article 2 and takes place every year, and is subject to the general terms and conditions of the TROPHY rules.

Participants present clinical cases they were involved in and which are original from a scientific standpoint. The clinical cases shall be related to a pathology which can be different from year to year.

The first round occurs at a national level: the cases are submitted to a national jury which selects the best presentations for each country. Then, an international jury designates three winners among the best cases from the first round.

The winners are invited by Laboratoires Thea to participate in the ARVO annual meeting in the United States of America and to present their clinical case at Laboratoires Thea symposium.

Information on the contest is given through a dedicated website. The registration and the submission of the clinical cases will also be processed through the website.

Article 2 – Participants

Candidates must be residents and fellows in ophthalmology.

Candidates must be based in one of the following international countries:

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ireland, Luxemburg, Turkey, Mexico, Ukraine, Russia, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Romania, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

A candidate can only present one case.

### Article 3 – Submission of case

The case can report on one or several patients.

Submitted cases must be original (never published). The case can include presentations, diagnoses and/or management of ocular disease and must be related to the topic of the contest.

A dedicated website will inform the candidates on the rules of the contest. Candidates have to register on line and submit their case written in English on this website before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The case must be submitted by the candidate who must be the author and should not be submitted by anyone else on their behalf. Co-authors can be declared however the prize will be attributed exclusively to the main author who submitted the case.

The author must declare any competing interests.

When submitting their presentation online, the candidate:

- certifies that they have legal capacity to participate in the contest;
- shall not breach any confidentiality agreement with their employer or any other third party;
- fully accepts the present rules;
- certifies that they were personally and directly involved in the management of the case;
- certifies that the submitted case is original and has not been previously published ;
- certifies they have any and all authorization and approval to include the corresponding documentation (photos, video, etc.) in the case report
- shall indemnify, defend and hold Laboratoires THEA harmless from and against any and all third party claims, suits, proceedings, damages, costs, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from their negligence or willful misconduct in connection with the TROPHY.

If there is any interest which might be considered prejudicial to the independence of a candidate, such conflict of interests should lead to the rejection of the candidate.

Subject to the national legislation or to any code of conduct regarding the medical professionals in the country the candidate resides in, the candidate certifies that such regulation doesn't prevent him/her from participating in the contest, in particular in consideration of his/her status as resident. Should the national regulation require that the candidate declares or asks prior approval for his/her participation in the contest, the candidate shall be responsible for such declaration and shall keep available to THEA the proof of such procedure.

For the French residents and fellows, Laboratoires THEA shall declare to the medical council where the healthcare professional is registered the financial participation it covers for this resident or fellow. Moreover, according to Article 2 of the French law n°2011-2012 of 29 December 2011, Laboratoires THEA shall publicly declare the interests it may have with the French resident or fellow (including financial terms) according to the Decree no. 2013-414 dated 21 May 2013.

For residents and fellows based in another country, Laboratoires THEA shall comply with local or international applicable law, regulation or code of conduct regarding the declaration to a medical council or any competent entity where the resident or fellow is registered and with the reporting and declaration to a public audience or a competent authority of any interests it may have with the resident or fellow.

#### Article 4 – Case structure

The presentation should be written in English in Word format. Illustration of the case by pictures and imaging is recommended. A maximum of 10 pages is allowed. Video can be submitted. The clinical case should be divided into the following sections (in this order):

- Title page: with the title of the case without identification of the author.
- Introduction: The introduction section should explain the background of the case, including the disorder, usual presentation and progression and an explanation of the presentation if it is a new disease. It should also include a brief literature review.
- Case presentation with illustrations and figures: The case presentation should contain a description of the patient's relevant demographic information (without adding any details that could lead to the identification of the patient); any relevant medical history of the patient; the patient's symptoms and signs; any tests that were carried out and a description of any treatment or intervention. If it is a case series, then details must be included for all patients. Cases can include clinical photographs, provided these are accompanied by written consent to publish from the patient(s) or are completely anonymous.
- Discussion: This is for additional comments that provide any additional relevant information not included in the case presentation, and that put the case in context or that explain specific treatment decisions.
- Conclusion: A brief conclusion of what can be learnt from the case report and what the clinical impact will be. Information on how it will significantly advance knowledge of a particular disease etiology or drug mechanism can be included. This should state clearly the main conclusions of the case report and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.
- References

The full author's name, qualifications, institutional addresses, current position they hold at institutions or societies, or any other relevant background information and email addresses must be included in the cover letter and not in the presentation.

The presentation and appendix (image, video,...) shall:

- be anonymous
- not infringe upon the privacy or personal rights of others
- not contain any sensitive information

## Article 5– Process

The selection of the best cases per country will be done by the relevant national jury in November 2017.

The national jury will have access to all clinical cases of their country(ies) through the website. Contestants will remain anonymous until the end of the contest. To ensure an independent and fair vote, a random identification number will be given to each submission.

This number will be used throughout the entire process and will not be disclosed to the contestant himself nor the juries.

Laboratoires théa will not release any information that might help identify the contestants. Likewise, members of the juries will remain anonymous to the contestants.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria to obtain a final mark out of one hundred:

- originality
- clarity
- contribution to knowledge in ophthalmology
- illustrations

The international jury shall select the winners from among the best cases from the different countries in January 2018.

Each member of the international jury will independently select the three best case reports based on their own knowledge and experience in the field of ophthalmology. The decision of the jury will be final and binding.

## Article 6 – Juries of experts

### National Juries

Per country the jury consists of one to four experts in ophthalmology from the same country or group of countries as the candidates.

### International Jury

The jury consists of experts in ophthalmology from several different international countries.

#### Article 7 – Important dates and venues

October 15, 2017 – deadline for submission of the cases

November 2017 – selection of the best cases by national juries

January 2018 – selection of the three winners by the international jury

April 29 –May 2, 2018 – ARVO annual meeting in Honolulu, United States of America

#### Article 8 – Awards

The authors of the best cases from each group of countries will get their cases examined by the international Jury. Moreover, cases of each national winner will be published on the TROPHY website and a dedicated brochure will be created.

Subject to the relevant regulatory authorities' approval, the three winners designated by the international jury will be invited to present their case at the Laboratoires Thea symposium at ARVO annual meeting. Laboratoires Thea will organize and cover the expenses for the flight in economy class, the hotel accommodation for the whole meeting duration as well as the registration fees to the 2017 ARVO congress. No other costs or expenses will be covered by THEA.

It is expressly understood that THEA will only cover the expenses of the three winners of the international contest, excluding any other person.

#### Article 9 – Intellectual property

The participants remain owners of the presentations submitted to the contest and their exploitation rights.

However, Laboratoires Thea reserves the right to use and reproduce the clinical cases with the pictures included and the name and photograph of participants in order to organize public relations activities. For this purpose, by accepting the present Terms and conditions, the Participant expressly and irrevocably grants to Laboratoires Thea a royalty free, irrevocable and worldwide licence to use all or parts of the intellectual property rights (writing, drawings and models, pictures, etc.) arisen from the establishment of the case report. This license is granted for the legal duration of protection of the licensed rights as defined by the French Intellectual Property Code.

The licensed rights pertaining to the case report includes notably:

a) The reproduction right, meaning the right to reproduce or to have reproduced, in a number at THEA's convenience, the elements of the case report either in

whole or in part, on any known or unknown tangible supports, such as paper format or electronic format like CD-I, CD-ROM, CDV, DVD;

b) The right of representation, which is the right to release or to have released publicly the elements of the case report either in whole or in part, either alone or associated with other elements, by any tangible means, including on the Internet; this right notably implies the rights for Laboratoires Thea to publish, diffuse, and edit any document containing the elements of the case report either in whole or in part;

c) The right of adaptation which is the right to directly or indirectly adapt the elements of the case either in whole or in part on any supports, including notably the right to modify them and to insert them into other documents or elements;

d) The right to translate into any language including computer language the elements of the case either in whole or in part.

The participant declares to be the sole holder of the intellectual property rights on the contents of the elements of the case report and declares that the aforesaid the elements of the case report do not include any reproduction and/or adaptation of any work of the mind of third parties in whole or in part or more generally, any reproduction and/or adaptation of any right of third parties.

#### Article 10 – Data privacy

All personal data about the candidates will remain anonymous to the jury(ies) until the end of the contest.

Participants agree that personal data, especially name and address, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used by Laboratoires Thea for the purposes and within the context of the TROPHY contest and any other purposes outlined herein. The data may also be used by Laboratoires Thea in order to verify the participant's identity, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the participant's eligibility to participate in the contest.

Participants have the right to access, review, rectify, cancel or delete any personal data held by Laboratoires Thea by writing to Laboratoires Thea – 12 rue Louis Blériot, Z.I. du Brezet, 63100 Clermont-Ferrand, France.

## Article 11 – Modification of the rules

Laboratoires Thea reserves the right to amend the articles of these rules, without notice, mainly to reflect changes in legislation, judicial decisions, new regulatory rules, and recommendations made by organizations responsible for the administration of the Internet.

Every modification will be announced on the website of the contest.

## Article 12 – Miscellaneous

The present rules are construed under French law.

Any and all disputes arising from the interpretation of these rules shall be settled amicably. In case of persistent disagreement on their application, and the absence of agreement, any dispute shall be exclusively settled by the competent courts of Paris, France.

In the event that any provision of these rules shall be found to be unlawful, void or, for any reason, unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severed from, and shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.