1. **Objective of the prizes.**

The SESPAS prizes for the best Works on Public Health are organised to drive research within the public health and healthcare administration setting, and are designed to reward the best pieces of work accepted and presented at all scientific congresses or meetings held by SESPAS-federated societies or associations.

2. **Candidates and structure of the works.**

In order to apply for the SESPAS prize for the best Work on Public Health, candidates do not need to be members of any of the federated societies or associations.

The Works must be directly related to public health and healthcare administration, understood in the broadest sense to include various scientific disciplines. It is understood that all works accepted for presentation at the congress are eligible for the prize.

The Works must be adapted to the format and length established by the Scientific Committee of each congress prior to their presentation.

The structure of the works will be adapted to the methodology used to conduct research or analytical studies for each of the sciences (epidemiology, public health, law; economics, nursing, environmental health, etc.) that are covered by public health and healthcare administration in the broadest sense.

3. **Prize fund and publication of the Works.**

The SESPAS prize for best Work on Public Health consists of 300 euros.

The SESPAS Board of Directors will encourage the author(s) to submit the full text of their Work to *Gaceta Sanitaria* or another journal owned by the federated societies or associations, in the appropriate format for evaluation, which shall be submitted to the customary review process by the journal’s experts. In the event it is accepted for publication, the authors will state that the Work was awarded the SESPAS prize in the acknowledgements section.

If the work is published in *Gaceta Sanitaria*, the author(s) will be exempt from making financial contributions for publication costs, which will be satisfied by SESPAS. In this case, the author(s) will state that publication costs were covered by SESPAS in the acknowledgements section.

The jury, scientific committee or body appointed by the host society or association to assess, accept and present the submitted Works at the congress will be responsible for choosing the best piece of Work. Said committee shall accommodate a representative from the SESPAS Board of Directors.

Their ruling will be adopted by majority vote and may not be appealed.

For the purposes of the SESPAS prize, the Works will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria: scientific quality; written clarity and concision; academic and practical interest; contribution to public health overall; originality; and relevance of the subject discussed in the piece of Work.

The committee may decide to not award the prize in the event that the Works lack the scientific quality for the SESPAS prize, or if the contents of the same are not directly related to public health and healthcare administration.

5. Ruling.

The body in charge of selecting the best piece of Work, referred to in point 4, will proceed to assess the same after their oral presentation at the congress for the purposes of awarding the SESPAS prize or not. Moreover, it must also notify the president of the society/association of this ruling and will hand over the full text of the chosen piece of work. In turn, said body will also notify the President of SESPAS and will present him/her with a copy of the full text.

Both entities will publicise the ruling on their websites no later than the day of the prize-giving ceremony.

6. Prize-giving and publicity.

Prize-giving will take place at the congress proceedings (gala dinner, closing ceremony, etc.) of each society or association, and the prize will be awarded by the President of SESPAS or, if applicable, the president of the society or association hosting the congress on behalf of SESPAS.

Without prejudice to any prize-related publicity that each society or association may implement using their own means, SESPAS will announce the SESPAS prizes at the subsequent SESPAS congress, mentioning the winning authors in the congress documentation.

7. Acceptance of the terms and conditions.

The participants accept all of these terms and conditions, as well as the ruling issued by the Jury or Scientific Committee, waiving any claims in relation to the same, as well as the selection process carried out.