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The Society for Promoting Quality Assurance in Medical Laboratories (INSTAND), e.V.

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The Austrian Society for Hygiene, Microbiology & Preventive Medicine (ÖGHMP)

jointly announce the solicitation of applications for the

“Gerold Stanek Prize for Excellence in Research on Tick-Borne Diseases”

Professor Gerold Stanek was a distinguished researcher, an insightful interlocutor, and a person of warmth and exceptional wit. He devoted several decades of his career to the study of tick-borne diseases, with a particular focus on Lyme borreliosis, contributing extensively to this through his expertise, research, and organizational leadership. He was renowned for his exemplary organization of congresses, conferences, and scientific meetings. In his efforts to organize these events, he sought not only to uphold the highest standards of scientific and professional excellence but also to enhance them with cultural programs and opportunities for informal social engagement. He was a strong proponent of providing early-career researchers with a platform to present their work at these congresses.

This commitment forms the basis of the Gerold Stanek Award, which will be awarded for the first time at the International Symposium on Tick-Borne Pathogens and Disease (ITPD) 2026 in Vienna – the conference Professor Stanek initiated in 2017. The

“Gerold Stanek Prize for Excellence in Research on Tick-Borne Diseases”

is jointly awarded by INSTAND e.V., Düsseldorf and the ÖGHMP, Vienna, in close cooperation with the ESCMID Study Group for Tick-Borne Diseases (ESGBOR), all organizations in which Professor Stanek played a vital and lasting role, and is financially endowed with €5,000. The award recognizes the outstanding research achievements of early-career scientists (<40 yrs.) in the field of tick-borne diseases.



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The applicants need to justify their excellence by peer reviewed published evidence (e.g. peer reviewed research articles, research projects, patents, or documented socio-economic impacts of their research)!

The prize will be awarded at the ITPD in March 2026 and it is expected that the awardee is present at the symposium to present the award winning work.

Written applications should be submitted by February 1, 2026 to Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Hunfeld, INSTAND, e.V., Ubierstrasse 20, D-40223 Düsseldorf, Germany.

Düsseldorf & Vienna, October 1, 2025

On behalf of the Board of Directors & Trustees

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