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## EMCDDA Scientific paper award

The EMCDDA and its Scientific Committee launch the first annual *Scientific paper award* for the five to ten best European scientific papers on drug-related topics during the previous year.

- Eligibility criteria:
  - illicit drugs main topic of the paper (may include findings regarding licit substances);
  - first author based in an EU Member State or Norway;
  - peer-reviewed scientific journal articles in all languages (with an abstract in English);
  - publication in 2010.
- Nominations:
  - nominations are due before the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011;
  - nominations should include a copy of the article and the journal reference.
- Jury:
  - three members nominated by the Scientific Committee and two EMCDDA senior scientific staff;
  - the jury proposes a selection of five to ten articles, bearing in mind an appropriate distribution across disciplines, nationalities and languages.
- Award criteria:

○ scientific significance	10 points
○ EU policy relevance	10 points
○ originality and creativity	10 points
○ clarity and quality of writing	10 points

The awarded articles should achieve at least 6 points in all four criteria.

- Award:
  - The authors of the awarded articles will be invited to the prize-giving event and a scientific seminar in November 2011 at the EMCDDA premises in Lisbon.
  - Notification of the selected articles will be made via the EMCDDA website and publications.
  - The journal editors of the awarded articles are informed about the outcome of the award.
- Applications and queries should be sent to:
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