



**3<sup>rd</sup> RICHEN GROUP OPEN COMPETITION  
FOR RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF  
HELICOBACTER PYLORI  
2023-2024**

**Evaluation process**

The selection of the Research Projects is made by the **Research Grant Panel (RGP)** and is divided into two phases:

- First selection based on the Project's description by a board coordinated by Richen Europe, which will select the projects for their interest and applicability;
- A second evaluation of the accepted projects by a scientific committee coordinated by the EHMSG Members, based on their clinical value and potential in the field of research;
- The scoring metrics will be as follows:
  - Scientific assessment of the project (max. 50 points)
  - Candidate's CV assessment (max. 20 points)
  - Project's applicability (max. 20 points)
  - Candidate's age (under 35 will be an advantage) and background (max. 10 points).

**1.** Applications can be submitted from 24<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The results will be announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and shall be immediately available on the website [www.ehmsg.org](http://www.ehmsg.org), where all the Competition's information and details can be found;

**2.** The jury shall select up to 4 Research Projects. Each Project's Team will be provided with 1 infrared spectrometer for helicobater pylori diagnosis;

**3.** The selected candidates will be informed by e-mail about the procedure for the delivery free of charge of the instrument and accessories. A training shall be provided by the Richen Europe team and the instrument will immediately be available for use in the Research Project's scope for all the agreed time of the Research Project's study (8 months);

**4.** At the end of this period of time (12/07/24), the selected candidates shall return the instrument and accessories to Richen Europe following the instructions that will be sent in due course;

**5.** Each candidate shall present to the Organizers a presentation and poster summarising the content and results of the Research Project's publication, as well as the bibliography. These shall



be presented during the XXXVII<sup>th</sup> Workshop in Porto 2024, where the final winner's announcement will be made. The winner will be granted:

- **1 free registration to the XXXVIII<sup>th</sup> EHMSG Workshop in 2025** (venue tbc)
- **50% discount on the purchase of the equipment** (same used during the project's development), which would allow the Research Team to develop its Project further, including for clinical use.

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. The aim and objectives of each submitted Research Project shall be clearly focused, to allow the project to be evaluated. **All projects must be submitted in English;**
2. The Research Project reports shall mention the information about the Richen Europe instrument and kit used for the study;
3. Richen Europe will discuss with the selected applicants upon the number of kits needed to perform the Research Project, after receiving the Project's ethics approval. Richen Europe shall provide each selected applicant up to 100 kits free of charge. A further amount of kits shall be provided at a special price specially dedicated to this Open Competition and to be agreed upon before the beginning of the Research Project;
4. The research project shall be completed and its results must be presented to the Organizers before the deadline (max. 8 months from the delivery of the instrument), in order to be considered for the final award selection.
5. The awarded candidate shall present to the Competition's Organizers the list of possible scientific journals/magazines/reviews or other publishing entities that shall be contacted for the publication of the Research Project's results whether its validity is confirmed by scientific data;
6. With the new rules introduced for inter-personal relations by the COVID-19 pandemic, Richen Europe highly recommends the new Breath Testing protocol of use for patients and clinicians that the EHMSG has recently finalized;
7. In Europe, the use of citric acid for Urea Breath Testing is widespread and recommended, but there is no worldwide consensus yet. In the scope of this Open Competition, specifically for Projects in the area of *Helicobacter pylori*, Richen Europe will provide all participants with kits which include citric acid powder and requests all participants to mention this information in their final report;