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## **Organisational and Operational Code of Student Researchers' Society of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Pécs**

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## **I. Objectives and Duties of the Student Researchers' Society**

The objective of the Student Researchers' Society of the Faculty of Medicine (hereinafter SRS) is to help university students to become doctors meeting the requirements of our age. It should provide the deepening of the scientific foundations of their profession, that is, it should contribute to increasing the professional level of the training of medical doctors. SRS is the first basic institution aimed at providing an opportunity for training a new generation of instructor-researchers.

Following from these objectives, SRS activity constitutes an integral part of university education; it provides an opportunity for performing special educational-instructional tasks for the consultant, however, it means not only research but also work on the student's part.

In order to accomplish the above-mentioned objectives, the SRS aims at providing the following opportunities for as many students as possible:

- 1) The opportunity of joining in the theoretical and practical research activity carried out at the departments, clinics and laboratories of the university.
- 2) While carrying out research activity with the scholars of science the following opportunities are provided:
  - a) developing creative scientific thinking,
  - b) developing an ambition to gain exact data and to synthesise them at a high level by way of collecting practical experience, thereby promoting effective orientation in the specialist literature essential for medical practice,
  - c) developing creative talent,
  - d) transmission of exemplary medical attitude.

## **II. Activity and structure of the SRS**

- 1.) SRS activity - as a university movement - means the scientific research cooperation of participating students (hereinafter SRS students) and instructors involved (hereinafter SRS consultants).
- 2.) SRS consultants are instructor-researchers employed either by the University or by other institutions involved in the educational activity of the University who announce research themes for students in their basic or applied research area, facilitate carrying out research and direct students' work in the given research theme.
- 3.) The SRS - as a community of students - is the organisation of SRS students.
- 4.) The members of the SRS are students who are registered by the SRS, carry out actual research in an announced research theme or in a scientific theme chosen by themselves and participate in the work of the Members' Meeting.
- 5.) The SRS is governed by the Members' Meeting and the Presidium.
- 6.) The Dean exercises his supervisory jurisdiction through the chairperson of the SRS whom he appoints from among consultants by the proposal of the Vice-Dean of students' welfare and who is the conducting chairperson with full rights of the meetings of the Members' Meeting and the Presidium (hereinafter instructor chairperson). In case the instructor chairperson is prevented, the Dean also appoints two deputy instructor chairpersons of the consultants. The work of the instructor chairperson is assisted by three consultants working in different areas of science, who are permanent guests with an advisory right at the meetings of the Members' Meeting and the Presidium. The appointment of the instructor chairpersons is in compliance with the re-election of the management of the University.
- 7.) The supervision of the SRS is conducted by the Vice-Dean of students' welfare on behalf of the Dean. Departmental supervisory jurisdiction of the SRS is exercised by the head of the educational organisation unit through the instructor responsible for the SRS commissioned by him. The SRS students of a department can elect a person responsible for the problems of the youth, if necessary for matters of organisation and transmission of information.

### **III. Members' Meeting**

- 1.) Each Hungarian and foreign student carrying out actual SRS activity is a member of the Members' Meeting on his/her own right.
- 2.) The regular annual meeting of the Members' Meeting is convened by the secretary between 15th September and 15th November. An extraordinary meeting can be convened by the secretary, the instructor chairperson, any three members of the Presidium and 10% of SRS members. An extraordinary meeting cannot be convened in no-term-time.
- 3.) A quorum is present at the meetings of the Members' Meeting if more than 20% of its members are present. In case an SRS student is not present at either of the two Members' Meetings during an academic year he/she will automatically lose his/her annual SRS membership.
- 4.) It is also the duty of the Members' Meeting to accept the scoring system for teaching assistants relating to the given academic year proposed by the Presidium. The duty of the Members' Meeting is to elect members of the Presidium, order the Presidium to render account of its work, to discuss any issue concerning the SRS raised by any member of the SRS and to make a decision if it falls within its competence.
- 5.) The meetings of the Members' Meeting are open and instructor- researchers announcing an SRS theme can be present in an advisory capacity.

#### **IV. Presidium**

The Members' Meeting elects into the Presidium no more than two students from each year, from among the SRS members studying in the II-VI years who are willing to undertake duties with office. From among pharmacy-students and foreign students the Presidium elects a consultant who participates in meetings with the right of commenting. The maximum number of student members of the SRS Presidium is 12.

- 1.) The election has two turns, on the first turn those candidate/s are winners who have acquired more number of votes than the number of half of the participants present. In case a second turn is required, the candidate/s can win with the majority of votes.
- 2.) The instructor-chairperson elects the secretary who takes part in the operational work of the Presidium by way of secret simple majority voting. If voting equality exists, voting must be repeated. For the sake of the undisturbed work of the Presidium it is essential that the student responsible for the post of secretary - in case of his/her suitability - remains the same during several academic years. With this in view, in the case of reelection the student suitable for fulfilling this function should be sought from lower years, namely from the 3rd or the 4th years.
- 3.) Each member of the Presidium has the power to vote during decision-making. If the instructor-chairperson finds that the expected decision of the Presidium violates departmental/university interests, during preparation for adjudication, with the aim of reaching a consensus he/she is obliged to express his/her opinion in front of the Presidium. If a decision opposes the interests of the Department/University, by the proposal of the chairperson of the Standing Educational Committee the educational vice-dean remands the decision.
- 4.) Members of the Presidium distribute duties among themselves and owe briefing duties to the instructor-president concerning the work carried out in the appointed area.
- 5.) Active involvement in the work of the Presidium is explicitly beneficial in terms of applying for a scholarship for the position of a teaching assistant, or for travelling abroad, and also Ph.D and resident applications.

## **V. Operation of the SRS**

### **A. Force of SRS membership**

The announcement of the SRS activities (themes) takes place at the beginning of each academic year in the university publication entitled the "Study Programme". In case foreign students are also allowed to apply for a given theme, that should be announced both in Hungarian and a foreign language (English or German). The student is entitled to select the theme and the instructor who he/she intends to work with in the given area of research.

- 1.) All students of the FMUP are allowed to carry out SRS work at any department of the University, if their application is accepted by the department. Registration for first-year students takes place after the successful completion of the first academic year at the earliest. (It is desirable that SRS application be accomplished early in the II. III. IV. years so that the consultant and the SRS student can work together extensively). The consultant may also appoint a new theme that is not listed in the "Study Programme" for the SRS student. The title of the new theme must be forwarded to the SRS Council immediately at the beginning of the common work.
- 2.) The student requests application for the SRS by filling in the "SRS application form" taken from the intranet. Acceptance of the application by the department is certified by the signature of the consultant. The application form should be forwarded to the SRS Office. Application is registered in the SRS register. Application for the SRS takes place permanently during the whole academic year. Official applications must be renewed at the beginning of each academic year. By the consent of the head of the educational organisation unit that is responsible for SRS work, and with proper justification students with partial legal status and also guest students from other universities may request an opportunity for carrying out SRS work from the vice-dean of studies.
- 3.) The SRS leadership has the right to control whether SRS membership covers real SRS activity.

## **B. Obligations and rights of SRS students**

### **Obligations:**

- 1.) prepare for his/her profession with maximum intensity, enrich his/her intellectual potential, set an example even with his/her academic achievements,
- 2.) strive for increasing his/her language proficiency and for enhancing general and professional knowledge,
- 3.) carry out scientific tasks appointed by his/ her consultant and accomplish educational work set by the head of the department,
- 4.) participate in the operation and programs of the SRS both at various departments and the University (discussions held at the departments, conferences, evening scientific meetings, methodological courses, etc) as well as take part in the scientific activities organised by the University (Scientific Division, congresses),
- 5.) outside University, represent the SRS with his best knowledge and preparedness in commissions both in Hungary and abroad.,
- 6.) the termination of his / her SRS membership must be communicated in a written form to the Presidium.

**Rights:**

- 1.) The student may request the assistance of the members of the research team, and also the staff members of department and the university.
- 2.) After preliminary training and with permission the student may resort to facilities, like devices, equipment and chemicals available at the department.
- 3.) The student may participate in the operation and programs of the SRS and also in the scientific activity of the university.
- 4.) Upon fulfilment of certain preconditions the student is entitled to advantages and benefits (Appendix No.1) as a "BENEFICIARY SRS" student.
- 5.) If the student's interest alters and another theme or consultant is chosen - if accepted - a request should be submitted to the SRS concerning transfer to another consultant or department. In this case registration for the SRS is carried out by submitting another application form.
- 6.) By the consent of the consultant and the head of department the student may accomplish work in conjunction with the SRS of other departments or possibly institutions.

**C/ Obligations and authority of instructor-researcher consultants of the Student Researchers' Society (SRS)**

- 1/ Promoting and supporting the work of the Student Researchers' Society represents **an educational- instructional duty of particular significance and responsibility** for instructors of the departments, clinics as well as laboratories of the faculty.
- 2/ Due to the above mentioned obligations, and also in compliance with the triple requirements that should be met by university instructors (healing, education and scientific research) each instructor- in accordance with his sphere of activity- is required **to announce themes for the members of SRS and to keep the due member of students occupied as their consultant.** The consultant bears professional and moral responsibility for the supervised students. In case of supervising foreign students the theme should be announced in the given language as well.
- 3/ The consultant instructor of SRS is obliged to provide for the conditions of research to be conducted in the announced themes. His duties involve supporting, mentoring and supervising the research work conducted by the student.
- 4/ The consultant of SRS is entitled to express his opinion- in any issue concerning the work of the society- during the Members' Meeting as well as on any other occasions.

#### **D/ Termination of membership in SRS**

- 1/ Through notifying the Presidium the student member of SRS may leave the society any time. The notification is the student's obligation which may only be forborne if the student has terminated his/her studies at the university.
- 2/ The Presidium can terminate the SRS membership based on a proposal from the consultant or the head of the department through having the absolute majority of votes provided the member fails to fulfil his/her obligations taken up in accordance with the regulations or if he/she violates his/her rights.
- 3/ SRS membership is automatically terminated with the termination of student's legal status. Students remaining in partial legal status can apply for the continuation of their SRS work.

#### **E/ Duties and authority of the SRS Presidium**

These duties and the scope of authority are as follows:

- 1/ To operate the SRS office where appropriate information is to be provided regarding the current issues associated with SRS work.
- 2/ To keep a continuous record of the results associated with the active work of each SRS student in the society (competition research essays, presentations, study trips, essays, language exams, etc.).
- 3/ To support and recommend students of the society who apply for various grants; when passing judgements on scholarships, study trips both at home and abroad, as well as when granting university posts- through providing the recorded data.
- 4/ To give an account of the operation of the organisation of SRS to the management of the Faculty and to the Standing Educational Committee (the chairperson of SRS is the member of the Standing Educational Committee ex officio).

- 5/ To maintain relations with the other faculties of the university as well as with SRSs of other national and foreign partner- institutions.
- 6/ To maintain relations with the Registrar's Office (registering SRS work in the grade book, having research essays written for the dean's competition recognized as dissertations).
- 7/ To keep informing the students about the work of the society- in co- operation with the Student Self- Government (the secretary of SRS has advisory functions at the meetings of the student group of the Council of the Faculty and he/she has a standing invitation to these meetings).
- 8/ To co- operate with the special student organisations of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Pécs (HUMSIRC).
- 9/ To take care of and organise the home and international relations of SRS (Universitas, SRSs of partner medical schools, MOTESZ, SRS exchange programs, etc.).
- 10/ To work out the yearly work plan of SRS and put forward suggestions concerning the allocation of financial resources granted to the society.
- 11/ To help and organise submitting teaching assistant (SRS) applications for grants and also provide data required for the assessment of these grants. (To be able to assess applications objectively a regular form is used. Data obtained from these forms are assessed using a uniform scoring system revised yearly by the Presidium). Applications for grants are to be submitted to the Dean's Office.
- 12/ The committee assessing teaching assistant applications for grants which holds a meeting in September is made up of the head of the Educational Committee, the Secretary of Education, instructor chairpersons of SRS and the secretary of SRS.
- 13/ To organise the institutional, so called In-house Conferences of SRS yearly, and also, at stated intervals, (based on the agreement with partner- institutions) the national conferences of the society. The national SRS conference can be attended by students who, at the in-house conference of the given year, won a place that meets the criteria. Exceptions to this rule are only those students who have achieved outstanding results at the in-hose conference as sixth -year students but the national conference is not organised that year. Therefore the SRS makes it

possible for such students to attend the national conference of the following year in which they can participate as graduate medical doctors.

- 14/ To provide for delegating the members of the assessing committee and for assessment during the institutional conference. To help processing data. To organise the provision of the technical background (making it available). To promote and provide further opportunities to present for students giving the best presentations (conferences both at home and abroad).
- 15/ To promote publicity to the results achieved through work in the SRS as well as their publishing and utilisation. A certain percentage of the financial resources determined by the Presidium of SRS can be used to support individual applicants (participation in conferences, study trips).
- 16/ To make decisions concerning the allocation of the financial resources available for the SRS and to give an account of this to the vice-dean of finances.
- 17/ To apply for supporting the work of SRS to research and pharmaceutical companies and foundations. Of this sum a separate fund is created to support the participation of SRS students in conferences both home and abroad (registration fee, accommodation, travel expenses). Students are to apply for this fund at the beginning of the year, till the end of February. The allocation of the given sum is determined jointly by the members of the SRS Council (SRS students and instructors).

**Educational and other benefits given to students involved in scientific research work**

The achievement of SRS members is evaluated by the head of department, and if he finds their work worthy, he will make a proposal to the Vice-Dean of Studies, **so that their work in the SRS can be registered in their grade book at the end of the academic year.** The Presidium of the SRS makes a proposal to the Vice-Dean of studies to register the achievements (lectures, competition research essays).

Students whose previous academic year's work has been certified in this way in their grade book become "BENEFITTED MEMBERS OF SRS" during the term-time of the following academic year so that they can continue their work and **they are entitled to have the benefits given below:**

- 1/ They can utilize the services of the University Library in the same way as the university lecturers (inter-library lending, photocopying journals, computer-assisted search for information- provided the department or the consultant undertakes to cover the expenses).
- 2/ They can give a talk at in-house conferences. They can write a competition research essay on their SRS theme for the Student Researchers' Society Competition announced by the Dean. Their scientific results can be published in professional journals with the permission of the head of department.
- 3/ They can be nominated to participate in the National Conference of SRS, national congresses and congresses abroad.
- 4/ They can apply for a position of a teaching assistant (SRS scholarship) and for study trips as well. The submission of applications for a teaching assistant position- for which active participation in education is required- to the Dean's Office is possible at the beginning of each academic year. Special application forms (available at the SRS office) are needed with references from the consultant and the head of department.
- 5/ If the teaching assistant students are able to fulfil their educational work to the detriment of

obligatory classes, then their consultant and the head of department together can offer excuses for their non-attendance. Students are allowed to miss the practice of the given subject due to SRS work only if they make up for the lost time in agreement with the department in question.

- 6/ The benefits are valid for the term-time of 1 academic year, but they can be withdrawn during the academic year by the proposal of the consultant or the head of department taking or instructing the SRS students, if the students do not fulfil their duties stated in the Code of SRS or they misuse the benefits.
  
- 7/ Students who have performed outstanding SRS work for several years, or fulfilled their task as teaching assistants, take priority in the admission procedure to a PhD course, as well as when the faculty or university provide references (e.g. Scholarship of the Hungarian Republic, and when university positions are granted.
  
- 8/ Students' scientific research work can be recognised as an optional subject, on condition that:
  - They have to take it up as an announced subject,
  - prior to taking up the subject at least one year of active and continuous SRS work must be done by the students which should be certified by the head of the given department,
  - conditions must be fulfilled in the semester of taking up the subject,
  - in addition to these at least one criterion is to be fulfilled from among the following ones:
    - a/ a prize-winning (I-III) research essay written for the dean's competition
    - b/ 1st or 2nd prize at SRS conferences (or 1st -3rd prize at the national conference)
    - c/ they are co-authors in high-standard scientific publications (conditions: a publication with impact factor with a maximum of 3 authors, or first authors with any other co-authors, or co-authors in a publication where one author owns at least 0.5 IF= the impact factor of the article divided by the number of authors is more than 0.5),
    - d/ a first-author presentation or poster-presentation at an international conference or at a national conference with international participants,
    - e/ they are teaching assistants at practices included in the study plan for at least 4 hours a week.

The scientific score must be achieved during the given semester or in the semester prior to it. The score of a semester may apply to only one "subject". The educational activity of the given semester may be recognised exclusively.

**Writing and evaluation of the Student Researchers' Society's research essay announced by Dean**

- 1) Themes of the Student Researchers' Society's (SRS) research essay announced by the Dean (hereinafter called research essay) can be selected from research fields announced by educating Institutes, but the students can work out other, not announced theme recommended and accepted by the SRS of Institute. The student can write a research essay in a chosen theme based on **at least 1-year continuous work** (registered in the gradebook) at the SRS. Research essay demonstrating the activity of SRS can be **experimental** (especially favourable), but it can be the result of clinical or medical literature research as well.
- 2) At the beginning of every semester the Dean of the Faculty publishes announcement of a competition for writing and submitting research essays, in which the aspects of its evaluation are also published.
- 3) The exact title of research essay is determined by the student and his/her consultant. **The formal requirements are the same as the requirements of the thesis.** (see in the Code of Studies and Examinations) Research essays can be submitted with author's and consultants' names or with a password- similarly to the thesis. In case of a password the title of the thesis, the author's name, and data of the consultant and institute must be enclosed (together with the password) in a closed envelope at submission.
- 4) A bound (or wire-stitched) copy must be submitted to the Dean's Office **until the end of the second educational week of the first semester.** Unbound (or not wire-stitched) research essay cannot be accepted!
- 5) Submitted research essays are evaluated by the Boards determined by the Dean. The author of the research essay receives one copy of the evaluation formed and written by the members of the Board. On the basis of evaluations the Board makes a proposal for the acceptance and remuneration of the research essays, which is then presented to the Educational Committee (EC). The EC decides on the award of prizes with the opinion of the presidents of the Board and SRS and submits it to the Dean for approval.

- 6) **Announcement of results** of the Student Researchers' Society's research essays announced by the Dean takes place **during the University Days (23rd October)**. Prizes are handed over to the students by the Dean, together with the recognition for the outstanding work of the topic leader present at the ceremony. The student receives money reward together with the prize.
- 7) **Prize-winning Student Researchers' Society's research essays advertised by the Dean can be accepted as thesis.** If the author of the research essay wins any prize at an SRS' Conference, where the topic is presented, the thesis need not be defended and it is granted with grade 5. In case of lack of presentation of a research essay, it should be defended as a thesis at the Institute, where the author can prove his or her ability of discussion in his or her topic.

#### **Evaluation principles, evaluation sheet**

- 1) The president of the Board determines the number, the composition (except the secretary) of the Board members, and the distribution of essays among the Board members, as well as the deadline and procedure of submission of evaluation, and the date of the meeting(s).
- 2) Each essay is evaluated by two instructors (board members of the evaluation committee) who give opinion and points independently from one another.
- 3) Written opinion should be half or one page long. It should not contain „statistical data” (number of pages and figures etc.), but explain the allotted points. It should highlight the positive and negative characteristics of the essay.
- 4) The referee is to fill in a scoring sheet (formula hereafter).
- 5) Copies of the written opinion and the scoring sheet are given to the student at the announcement of results. These copies received by the candidate can NOT include the referee's name, or any information on his/her identity.
- 6) At the Board meeting the Board awards approved number of prizes according to the opinions. Usually the best 66 % research papers are awarded.

7) Steps of award:

- a. To determine who has reached the required level. Those below this level are in the category of "no prize awarded".
- b. On the basis of opinions prize-winning candidates are divided into first, second, third prize category ( altogether at most 66 % of evaluated essays in general) and the Dean's honourable mention. Although the jury has scope for action in each prize category, in general the best 15% of research papers are to be proposed for 1st. prize among prize-winning research papers. 15-45% of research papers win 2nd.prize, and the rest 55% receive 3rd prize. If there is an outstanding first prize essay the Board can propose it for the Dean's prominent first prize in a written form. The Board presidents decide on this matter in the general meeting. From among the second prize winners a „spare first prize winner” can be appointed who will be the first prize winner of the Board, if the first prize winner „advances”.

- 8) The Board comes to a decision according to determined scoring order. If decision can not be made in this way, the Board votes. The secretary -a member of the Board who is entitled to vote- takes down the minutes which are submitted with the president's and secretary's signature to the Dean's Office before the given deadline. Sheets containing opinions, scoring table and copies given the to candidates without the consultant's name are sent with the minutes to the Dean's Office.

**Scoring table:**

<b>Name of the research paper writer:</b>	<b>Maximum points</b>	<b>Given points</b>
1. <b>Introduction-</b> modernity and importance of topic. Convincing description and explanation of objectives, placement of target in the present scientific knowledge. Quantity, quality and use of mentioned literature. Quantity and proportion of reference to own and other people's works.	<b>6</b>	
2. <b>Methods-</b> Modernity, adequacy, repeatable representation of methods. Appropriateness of statistical analysis. Introduction of ethical considerations.	<b>6</b>	
3. <b>Results-</b> description detailed in accordance with the objective, truthfulness/ authenticity, relevance of results. Quantity, quality and good arrangement of documentation.	<b>6</b>	
4. <b>Discussion-</b> placing of results into previous own and other people's results, mixing and contrasting of results. Moderate analysis of results, representation of empirical possibilities. Guidance to subsequent pieces of work. The independency of the work based on the description.	<b>6</b>	
5. <b>General construction-</b> grammatical correctness, adequate use of terminology. External appearance. Appropriate form and content of bibliography.	<b>6</b>	
<b>Sum total:</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Aspects of awarding the Scholarship for Teaching Assistants

### System of evaluation

**Absolute criteria: No one should apply for demonstrators' scholarship:**

- 1. whose average result is below 3.5 (cf. IV)**
- 2. who has not participated in educational activity (cf. II)**
- 3. who did not give a presentation during the previous two academic years on any of the programs organized by the SRS of FMUP.**

**Aspects of evaluation:**

**3. Years spent with work in the SRS :** **1 point/yr**

**Ia. Member of the directing board of SR** **3 points/yr**

**II. Educational work\* (in the past year)** **max. 10 points**

(\* Educational activities are the following: 1. Conducting practices. 2. Assisting the preparation and conduction of practices or clinical presentation of patients. 3. Educational activity in special courses. 4. Properly documented, non-university educational activities, e.g. Red Cross or other educational courses in popular science. The applicant should briefly describe his activity and have it certified by the head of the department/clinic or the program leader.)

**III.SRS organizational work\*:**

**max. 5 points**

(\*decision is based on instructors' directorate of the SRS)

**IV. The average result (of studies) (the average result of the past two semesters)**

4.5 and over **2 points**

4.0 and over **1 point**

**Language proficiency exam in a foreign language:** advanced level **+ 2 points**

intermediate **+1 point**

**V. Presentation at SRS conference (past one year):**

Rank \*\*in the top 10 % **3 points**

Rank \*\*in the top 33-10 % **2 points**

Participation with no rank in top third rank **1 point**

**Giving a presentation preceding the current year + 1 point**

**VI. Participation in the national conference of SRS (past 2 years)**

Awarded **5 points**

Not awarded **3 points**

**Giving a presentation before +1 point**

**VII. Other professional conference (past year) @:**

**Presenting as a first author 4 points**

**Co-author 2 points**

**Poster presentation as a first author 4 points**

**Co-author 2 points**

**Presentations from previous years max. 6 points**

(@ Presentation of the author/co-author can be accepted by a photocopy of the conference abstract and a document certifying the payment of the registration fee for participants of the conference. In case of a co-author not taking part in the conference 1 point can be allotted. In this category altogether max 12 points can be allotted.)

**VIII. Papers (past 1 year)\*:**

**Impact factor (IF) <1 first author max 4 points**

**co-author max 2 points**

**IF>1 first author max 8 points**

**co-author max 4 points**

**Papers from preceding years max 8 points**

(\* Please enclose a copy of the cover page of the paper. Papers only with referee's report can be accounted. Evaluation -due to the different scientometrical values in the different scientific fields- is performed by the Chairman of the SRS by obtaining appropriate expert opinion. In this category max 16 points can be allotted. )

**IX. Dean's competition essay**

First prize competition essay	<b>6 points</b>
Second prize competition essay	<b>4 points</b>
Third prize competition essay	<b>2 points</b>
Competition essay without award	<b>1 point</b>

**X. Other not listed activity**

**max 2 points**

**Notes:** 1/ The student is responsible for the authenticity of data. Difference in true and written data may result in exclusion. In case of dispute the presidium of the SRS can be contacted.

2/ Students working in the SRS at those departments teaching during I-III years of university studies are in advantageous conditions, compared to those ones or those clinics, teaching in the upper years; therefore the board of the SRS has the right to judge independently students who conduct their activities at departments teaching in the IV-VI years of university studies and to apply a compensation in reasonable circumstances.

3/ Each member of the SRS is entitled to know how he/she is ranked on the list of applicants for scholarship of teaching assistant, thus he/she is entitled to have a look at his/her own evaluation.

### **Aspects of awarding Mestyán Gyula Prize**

The Mestyán Gyula prize is to commemorate the name of Prof. Gyula Mestyán, the former director (1976-1987) of the children's hospital of the university. The aim of the prize –to be awarded at the graduation ceremony- is to recognize the SRS work of the best graduating students in medicine, dentistry and pharmaceuticals. The aspects of evaluation are the following:

- Time and efficiency of SRS activity (SRS presentations, research papers, in-house and national prizes)
- scholarship for a teaching assistant
- Training inexperienced SRS students
- Publication activity (conferences, publications in national and international scientific periodicals)

The judgment of applications and award of prize is the task of the advisory board the members of which are the following:

Chairman:

Vice-dean of Education

Members:

SRS Chairman

Invited member of the Educational Committee

A graduating student from the Faculty of General Medicine and a graduating student from the Faculty of Dentistry

### **The SRS presentation awarded with Németh Árpád Prize**

The Németh Árpád Prize (to commemorate the outstanding professor of the Department of Pathophysiology and the head of Department of Forensic Medicine) is a special prize to be awarded to the work having achieved the highest total score points in the in-house competitions of SRS. The judgment is based on the jury's score points and it is published during the announcement of results.