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IUFRO Honours and Awards

Best Poster Awards (BPA)

This award aims to encourage public dissemination of high-research and to recognize distinguished poster presentations during the IUFRO World Congress.

Authority

IUFRO Board, Statutes Article II, Paragraph 4.7; Statutes Article XIV; Internal Regulations Section XII

Purpose

To encourage public dissemination of high-quality research and to recognize distinguished poster presentations by young scientists during the IUFRO World Congress.

Award

The award shall consist of a certificate.

Number of Awards

A number of Best Poster Awards will be made for each of the nine IUFRO Divisions, and additionally also for the Congress Themes/Task Forces.

Eligibility

The award is open to any under-graduate students, graduate students and individuals who completed their graduate degrees up to 7 years prior to the Congress. The awardee's parent organization must be a Member Organization of IUFRO, or the awardee must be an Individual Member of IUFRO. No member of the IUFRO Enlarged Board is eligible for the award while holding such office.

Criteria

Awards will be made for outstanding poster presentations at the IUFRO World Congress. The following factors will be taken into account:

Quality of Research Design:

- Relevance to the Division, Congress theme or Task Force
- Clarity in stating the problem (hypothesis)
- Identification of important variables and factors
- Appropriateness of research approach
- Recognition of limitations in the data
- Degree to which the data support the conclusion
- Uniqueness or originality of the research topic.

Poster Design:

- Effective use of graphs and/or tables in presenting data
- Organization and neatness of poster

In addition, gender and geographical diversity will be considered.

Selection

Poster presentations will be judged based on posters submitted electronically **two months** before the IUFRO World Congress. Pre-selected posters will be then evaluated by in-person interactions at poster sessions during the Congress. The Honours and Awards Committee shall present recommendations to the IUFRO Board for approval at its Congress meeting.

Presentation

The awards shall be presented during the IUFRO World Congress. Special mention of the award winners will be made during the closing ceremony and the names of award winners will be published in IUFRO News.