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REGULATIONS

Criteria, procedures and rules for the assignment of the scientific awards

2027 Edition



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General structure and criteria

For the purposes of these Regulations, “Conference” means the 2027 IEEE International Workshop on Measurements and Applications in Veterinary and Animal Sciences, to be held in Bologna from April 20 to 22, 2027.

The following regulations govern the assignment of scientific awards at the Conference. Unless otherwise specified for a particular award, the principles of impartiality, traceability, consistency and transparency of the evaluation process shall apply in general.

Nominations

The “Best Conference Poster Presentation Award” and the “Best Conference Research-to-Business Innovation Award” are considered collective awards, for which nomination is automatic upon submission of the abstract by the presenting author; the nomination shall be valid provided that the eligibility requirements set out below are met. The Scientific Secretariat shall prepare, *ex officio*, the list of abstracts and the corresponding presenting authors identified for each award on the basis of the final Conference programme. A candidate who does not wish to compete may withdraw by notifying the Scientific Secretariat in writing within the deadline specified in the Conference programme. The award shall therefore be assigned to the presenting author during the award ceremony as a representative of the entire author group to which the recognition applies.

The “Best Conference Presentation Award”, the “Best Conference Presentation by a Young Researcher Award” and the “Best Conference Presentation by a Woman Award” are considered individual awards, for which self-nomination is required upon submission of the abstract; the presenting author may submit multiple self-nominations, which shall be valid only if the eligibility requirements set out below are met. The Scientific Secretariat shall prepare, *ex officio*, the list of abstracts and the corresponding presenting authors identified for each award on the basis of the final Conference programme.

Notification and publication of results

The winner shall be notified individually by the Secretariat before the official ceremony; the result shall be publicly announced during the Conference and published on the official event website within 30 days.

The list of winners from all editions shall be maintained in a public archive on the Conference website.

Replacement of the presenting author

If the candidate originally designated for an award subsequently becomes unable to attend the Conference, they may be replaced by another co-author of the same contribution, subject to a formal request submitted to the Scientific Secretariat. The request may also be submitted after the final programme has been established, provided that it is received before the presentation begins and states the name of the new presenting author and the reason for the impediment. The replacement presenting author must be a co-author of the contribution and must meet all eligibility requirements

for each award for which the contribution is competing. For awards involving eligibility requirements related to the presenting author, such as the “Best Conference Presentation by a Young Researcher Award” and the “Best Conference Presentation by a Woman Award”, the replacement must meet the same requirements. If they do not, the contribution shall not compete for the award(s) for which the requirement is not met; it shall remain eligible for any other award(s) for which the requirements are satisfied.

Committee structure

The evaluation is conducted at two distinct and independent levels:

- Session Committee: attends the presentations, completes the evaluation forms and is physically present in the room; the Committee consists of 1 Session Chair and at least 2 designated observers. If a conflict of interest is identified when the Programme is finalised, a substitute Chair or substitute observer(s) shall be appointed.
- Central Committee: composed of at least 2 members of the Scientific Committee who are not involved in the Session Committees. The Committee is responsible for collecting the evaluation forms completed by the Session Committees, calculating the mean scores, and deciding the winners.

The two Committees shall consist of different members for each scientific award, in order to ensure the independence of the assessments.

The Central Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members, who shall coordinate its work and sign the final minutes. Decisions shall be valid when at least three members are present.

Where candidates are to be evaluated in multiple parallel sessions, each session shall have its own dedicated Session Committee. Scores assigned in the different parallel sessions shall be consolidated by the Central Committee, which shall treat them uniformly regardless of the session in which they were awarded.

Combination of awards

An award may not be granted *ex aequo*, and a candidate may not receive more than one scientific award in the same edition of the Conference. If a candidate ranks first for more than one award when the scores are calculated, the Central Committee shall allocate the award on the basis of the highest score obtained for the criterion “Originality and scientific relevance”. In the event of a tie, the score obtained for “Methodological rigour” shall be considered. If the tie persists, the Central Committee shall decide by simple majority; in the event of a further tie, the Chair of the Central Committee shall have the casting vote.

Conflicts of interest, recusal and exclusion

The following shall constitute a conflict of interest:

- co-authorship with the candidate within the previous three years;
- current or previous academic supervision of the candidate;
- an employment, collaboration or personal relationship that may compromise the impartiality of the assessment;
- any other direct or indirect interest in the candidature under review.

A candidate or Committee member who identifies a conflict of interest must immediately notify the Organising Committee before the beginning of the session. If the conflict arises during the session, the member concerned shall abstain from evaluating the candidate involved; their evaluation form for that candidature shall not be included in the calculation of the mean score. If fewer than two non-conflicted members remain, the Organising Committee shall promptly appoint a replacement.

Failure to declare a conflict of interest, if established subsequently, shall result in the annulment of the vote cast and, if it was decisive for the outcome, the reopening of the evaluation procedure.

Entry into force

These Regulations are approved by the Organising Committee, shall enter into force on the date of publication on the official Conference website, and may be amended by resolution of the Organising Committee provided that any amendment is adopted at least 30 days before the start of the Conference.

Best Conference Presentation Award

Art. 1 – Purpose

The award recognises and promotes scientific and communication excellence at the Conference, fostering the quality of research presented orally. The award consists of a signed official **Award Certificate** assigned at the Conference to the presenting author, as the person responsible for the communication and representative of all co-authors, as an expression of the collective value of the scientific work.

Art. 2 – Nomination and eligibility

All presenting authors of contributions accepted for the current edition of the Conference are considered for the award, after self-nomination at the time of abstract submission.

Mandatory eligibility requirements:

- *The candidate must be the presenting author of the presentation;*
- *The presentation must be delivered orally;*
- *Self-nomination is required upon submission of the abstract.*

Art. 3 – Evaluation criteria and scoring

The evaluation is based on a maximum score of 100 points, allocated as follows:

- *Originality and scientific relevance: 30 points;*
- *Presentation quality and clarity of delivery: 25 points;*
- *Methodological rigour: 25 points;*
- *Potential impact and future perspectives: 20 points.*

Each member of the Session Committee shall independently assess each candidate by completing the evaluation form prepared by the Scientific Secretariat for each applicable award. Individual scores shall subsequently be averaged by the Central Committee to obtain the final score for each candidate.

Best Conference Presentation by a Young Researcher Award

Art. 1 – Purpose

The award recognises and promotes the scientific and communication excellence of a young researcher under 35 years of age at the time of opening of the abstract submission period at the Conference. The award is assigned to the presenting author as the person responsible for the communication at the Conference and consists of a signed official **Award Certificate** and the free registration to the following edition of the Conference.

Art. 2 – Nomination and eligibility

All presenting authors of contributions accepted for the current edition of the Conference are considered for the award following self-nomination at the time of abstract submission.

The Scientific Secretariat shall prepare, *ex officio*, the list of candidates for each award on the basis of the final Conference programme and forward it to the Session Committees before the start of the proceedings.

A candidate who does not wish to compete for one or more awards may withdraw by notifying the Scientific Secretariat in writing by the deadline specified in the Conference programme. The withdrawal is irrevocable.

Mandatory eligibility requirements:

- *The candidate must be the presenting author of the presentation;*
- *The presentation must be delivered orally;*
- *The candidate must be no more than 35 years old as of the date on which abstract submission opens;*
- *Self-nomination is required upon submission of the abstract;*
- *The candidate must submit to the Scientific Secretariat, by the deadline specified in the programme, documentation demonstrating compliance with the age requirement. In the absence of valid documentation by the deadline, the candidate shall be excluded from this award.*

Art. 3 – Evaluation criteria and scoring

The evaluation is based on a maximum score of 100 points, allocated as follows:

- *Originality and scientific relevance: 30 points;*
- *Presentation quality and clarity of delivery: 25 points;*
- *Methodological rigour: 25 points;*
- *Potential impact of the research and future perspectives: 20 points.*

Each member of the Session Committee shall independently assess each candidate by completing the evaluation form prepared by the Scientific Secretariat for each applicable award. Individual scores shall be averaged by the Central Committee to obtain the final score for each candidate.

Best Conference Presentation by a Woman Award

Art. 1 – Purpose

The "Best Conference Presentation by a Woman Award" promotes the visibility and recognition of women researchers within the scientific community, recognising the excellence of research presented by a woman at the Conference. The award consists of a signed official **Award Certificate** assigned to the presenting author as the person responsible for the communication at the Conference.

Art. 2 – Nomination and eligibility

All presenting authors who are women of presentations accepted and delivered during the current edition of the Conference are considered for the award following self-nomination at the time of abstract submission.

The Scientific Secretariat shall prepare, *ex officio*, the list of candidates for each award on the basis of the final Conference programme and forward it to the Session Committees before the start of the proceedings.

Mandatory eligibility requirements:

- *The candidate must be the presenting author of the presentation;*
- *The presentation must be delivered orally;*
- *Self-nomination is required upon submission of the abstract;*
- *The candidate must identify as a woman. The Scientific Secretariat shall automatically include in the list of candidates those presenting authors who registered for the Conference indicating female gender.*

Art. 3 – Evaluation criteria and scoring

The evaluation is based on a maximum score of 100 points, allocated as follows:

- *Originality and scientific relevance: 30 points;*
- *Presentation quality and clarity of delivery: 25 points;*
- *Methodological rigour: 25 points;*
- *Potential impact and future perspectives: 20 points.*

Each member of the Session Committee shall independently assess each candidate by completing the evaluation form prepared by the Scientific Secretariat for each applicable award. Individual scores shall be averaged by the Central Committee to obtain the final score for each candidate.

Best Conference Poster Presentation Award

Art. 1 – Purpose

The "Best Conference Poster Presentation Award" recognises and promotes scientific and communication excellence at the Conference, fostering the quality of research presented in a poster session. The award consists of a signed official **Award Certificate** assigned at the Conference to the presenting author, as the person responsible for the communication and representative of all co-authors, as an expression of the collective value of the scientific work.

Art. 2 – Nomination and eligibility

All presenting authors of contributions accepted for the current edition of the Conference are automatically considered for the award, without any requirement for self-nomination at the time of abstract submission.

The Scientific Secretariat shall prepare, *ex officio*, the list of candidates for each award on the basis of the final Conference programme and forward it to the Session Committees before the start of the proceedings.

A candidate who does not wish to compete for one or more awards may withdraw by notifying the Scientific Secretariat in writing by the deadline specified in the Conference programme. The withdrawal is irrevocable.

Mandatory eligibility requirements:

- *The candidate must be the presenting author of the contribution in the poster session;*
- *The presentation must be delivered in the format specified by the Regulations;*
- *The presentation must be displayed in poster format;*
- *The presenting author must be physically present during the dedicated poster session to answer questions from the Session Committee and participants.*

Art. 3 – Evaluation criteria and scoring

The evaluation is based on a maximum score of 100 points, allocated as follows:

- *Originality and scientific relevance: 30 points;*
- *Methodological rigour: 30 points;*
- *Graphic quality, readability and ability to convey information visually: 20 points;*
- *Potential impact and future perspectives: 20 points.*

Each member of the Session Committee shall independently assess each candidate by completing the evaluation form prepared by the Scientific Secretariat for each applicable award. Individual scores shall be averaged by the Central Committee to obtain the final score for each candidate.

Best Conference Research-to-Business Innovation Award

Art. 1 – Purpose

The "Best Conference Research-to-Business Innovation Award" recognises and promotes research with a strong applied and industrial orientation presented at the Conference, fostering technology transfer and innovation. The award consists of a signed official **Award Certificate** assigned at the Conference to the presenting author, as the person responsible for the communication and representative of all co-authors, as an expression of the collective value of the scientific work.

Art. 2 – Nomination and eligibility

All presenting authors of contributions accepted for the current edition of the Conference are automatically considered for the award, without any requirement for self-nomination at the time of abstract submission.

The Scientific Secretariat shall prepare, *ex officio*, the list of candidates for each award on the basis of the final Conference programme and forward it to the Session Committees before the start of the proceedings.

A candidate who does not wish to compete for one or more awards may withdraw by notifying the Scientific Secretariat in writing by the deadline specified in the Conference programme. The withdrawal is irrevocable.

Mandatory eligibility requirements:

- *The candidate must be the presenting author of the presentation;*
- *The presentation must have been delivered orally;*
- *The presentation must concern research with industrial applicability, technology transfer, product/process innovation or collaboration with stakeholders from the productive sector;*
- *The candidate must submit to the Scientific Secretariat, by the deadline specified in the programme, a brief statement (maximum 300 words) indicating the application sector and, where available, the industrial or institutional partners involved. This statement shall be forwarded to the Session Committee before the presentation begins. In the absence of the statement by the deadline, the candidate shall be excluded from this award.*

Art. 3 – Evaluation criteria and scoring

The evaluation is based on a maximum score of 100 points, allocated as follows:

- *Originality and scientific relevance: 20 points;*
- *Presentation quality and clarity of delivery: 10 points;*
- *Methodological rigour: 20 points;*
- *Technology transfer potential and industrial applicability: 35 points;*
- *Degree of innovation compared with the state of the art: 15 points.*

Each member of the Session Committee shall independently assess each candidate by completing the evaluation form prepared by the Scientific Secretariat for each applicable award. Individual scores shall be averaged by the Central Committee to obtain the final score for each candidate.



APPROVAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

These Regulations have been approved by the Organising Committee of IEEE MeAVeAS 2027.

The Award Chairs are responsible for overseeing the implementation of these Regulations and coordinating the scientific award evaluation process in accordance with the procedures established herein.

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