

IFAC Triennial Journal Awards: Call for Nominations

The International Federation of Automatic Control awards several triennial journal paper prizes to recognize outstanding papers published within the three years preceding the IFAC World Congress in IFAC's official journals.

Nomination Deadline:

The deadline for submitting nominations for all journal paper prizes is: **15 April 2026**.

Journals concerned:

Automatica: Three paper prizes

Control Engineering Practice: Three paper prizes

Annual Reviews in Control Paper Prize

Journal of Process Control: Three paper prizes in the following categories: 1) Survey, 2) Theory/Methodology, 3) Application

Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence: Two paper prizes in the following categories: 1) Theory, 2) Application

Mechatronics: Three paper prizes

Nonlinear Analysis: Hybrid Systems Paper Prize: Two paper prizes

Journal of Systems and Control Paper Prize

Description and Presentation of the Awards:

The prizes are given for outstanding contributions in the specific field and category of the IFAC journal concerned. The number of prizes in each triennium for each journal is indicated above. The funds are provided by the publisher of IFAC journals, Elsevier Science Ltd. For this triennium, the prizes will be presented during the Awards Ceremony at the 23rd IFAC World Congress, to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, 23-28 August 2026.

Eligibility:

To be considered for an IFAC Journal Paper Prize, papers must have appeared in a volume published during the calendar years 2023, 2024, or 2025. Papers authored by members of the respective Selection Committees and by the Editors-in-Chief or the Senior Editors of the respective journal are not eligible.

Nominations:

For each IFAC Journal Paper Prize, a complete nomination should include:

- a) A nomination letter that contains the full title of the paper and name(s) of the author(s), as well as the issue (year, month, number) of the journal where the paper has appeared.
- b) A brief description of the contributions of the paper, and why (in the opinion of the nominator) the paper deserves the prize.

Any person is eligible to serve as a nominator with the exception of members of the selection committee for the respective award. Self-nominations are not allowed.

Submission:

For each Journal Paper Prize, nominations should be submitted in electronic form (again, no later than 15 April 2026) to the email address of the chair of the selection committee of the related journal paper prize. The names and email addresses of the chairs of the selection committees are as follows:

Automatica: Iven Mareels. Email: i.mareels@federation.edu.au

Control Engineering Practice: Angeliki Pantazi. Email: AGP@zurich.ibm.com

Annual Reviews in Control Paper Prize: John Lygeros. Email: jlygeros@ethz.ch

Journal of Process Control: Isabelle Queinnec. Email: isabelle.queinnec@laas.fr

Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence: Thomas Schön. Email: thomas.schon@uu.se

Mechatronics: Klaus Janschek. Email: klaus.janschek@tu-dresden.de

Nonlinear Analysis: Hybrid Systems Paper Prize: Christophe Prieur. Email: Christophe.Prieur@gipsa-lab.grenoble-inp.fr

Journal of Systems and Control: Hong Chen. Email: 19029@tongji.edu.cn

For questions concerning the awards or the procedures please consult the IFAC website or contact the IFAC Awards Chair Frank Allgöwer at frank.allgower@ist.uni-stuttgart.de.