

IFAC Young Author Awards at IFAC events – Guidelines

In order to stimulate the involvement of young scientists and engineers in IFAC, as well as to recognize top-level contributions of the younger generation in our field and to support their careers, IFAC will stimulate to have a Young Author Award at every IFAC symposium and conference.

Event organizers are requested to install such an award on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. The award will be referred to as the “IFAC Young Author Award”
2. It is awarded at IFAC symposia and conferences, for the best paper of which the first and presenting author is the main contributor of the research results in the paper and satisfies the eligibility criterion at point 3, below.
3. As eligibility criterion, the conference/symposium organizers can choose between two alternatives:
 - a. the candidate must be less than 30 years old at the time of the event. Motivated exemptions on the age criterion to deal with gender and cultural differences so as to allow for a fair competition should be allowed, or
 - b. the candidate must have the PhD-student status at the time of paper submission.The chosen eligibility criterion is communicated on the conference/symposium website.
4. The following submission/nomination procedure must be followed:
 - a. The award is announced on the website of the conference/symposium.
 - b. Nominations are solicited after the final submission of papers has been closed.
 - c. No self-nominations are allowed. Nominations are typically made by supervisors or reviewers.
 - d. An awards selection committee, appointed by the IPC chair, selects a number of finalists, on the basis of the nomination letters, the review reports, and the papers. Finalists are informed before the event.
 - e. The selection committee selects the winner out of the finalists, after having attended the presentation of all the finalist papers at the event.
 - f. The award is presented preferably at a plenary event during the conference/symposium.
5. Nominations should be submitted through the conference submission site at <http://ifac.papercept.net/conferences/scripts/start.pl>.
6. The standard certificate in an appropriate IFAC style, leaving room for a local logo/graphic of the particular event, prepared the IFAC secretariat, should be used. The winner as well as all finalists are provided with a certificate.
7. The conference organizers are recommended to make a monetary prize available for the award winner. Such a monetary prize should not exceed the monetary prize for the IFAC Young Author Prize (YAP) (currently 1.000 euros).
8. IFAC event organizers include a report on the award process (number of nominations, number of finalists, names of finalists and winners, gender distribution) in their event report to IFAC.

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