

IFAC Congress Paper Prizes: Announcement and Call for Nominations

The International Federation of Automatic Control awards several **best paper prizes** for papers accepted and presented at the IFAC World Congress in Busan:

The **IFAC Young Author Theory Paper Prize** is given for outstanding technical contributions in the broad area of control, systems, and automation theory at an IFAC Congress by an author who is younger than 30 years.

The **IFAC Young Author Application Paper Prize** is given for outstanding technical contributions in the broad area of control applications at an IFAC Congress by an author who is younger than 30 years (by August 1st, 2026).

Nominations for both Young Author Awards can be made by any supervisor or colleague of the young author, or by a senior person. The nomination should highlight the candidate's outstanding contribution and certify that he/she satisfies the age criterion. Self-nominations are not allowed.

The **deadline** for submitting nominations for both Young Author Prizes is: **15 April 2026**. Nominations for both Young Author Prizes need to be sent to the chair of the selection committee for the awards Carlos Canudas de Wit at carlos.canudas-de-wit@gipsa-lab.fr.

The **IFAC Interactive Theory Paper Prize** is given for the best interactive paper accepted and presented at the IFAC World Congress in the broad area of control, systems, and automation theory.

The **IFAC Interactive Application Paper Prize** is given for the best interactive paper accepted and presented at the IFAC World Congress in the broad area of control applications.

All interactive papers that are accepted for the IFAC World Congress are considered by the Selection Committee for the two Interactive Paper Prizes. No nominations are possible.

The **IFAC Application Paper Prize** is given for outstanding technical contributions at an IFAC Congress in the area of control applications. All papers with a clear application focus, that are accepted for the IFAC World Congress, are considered by the Selection Committee for the Application Paper Prize.

Nominations for the Application Paper Prize can be made by individual researchers, but no self-nominations are allowed.

The **deadline** for submitting nominations for the **IFAC Application Paper Prize** is: **15 April 2026**. Nominations need to be sent to the chair of the selection committee for the award Lars Eriksson at lars.eriksson@liu.se.

The prizes for all IFAC Congress Awards consist of a monetary prize and a certificate and will be handed out during the closing ceremony of the IFAC World Congress in Busan.

Papers authored by members of the respective Selection Committees or the Awards Chair are not eligible for the Congress awards.

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