

## **Rules of the EELISA Scientific Student Competition**

Students will be divided into thematic sessions. Each session should contain 6-15 papers, with an average target number of 8 papers. If the number of papers presented in a session is less than 5 for any reason, it will be merged with another small session.

Each paper is reviewed by two experts. The referees will be assigned to the papers so that, once submitted, they will be divided into sessions, and two EELISA member institutions will referee each session. Also, after the papers have been received, we will assign session chairs to each session on the basis of the proposal of each institution, who will be responsible for reviewing and ensuring the quality of the papers before the conference.

The sessions will be hybrid in terms of the presentation of the papers and the activities of the jury. The jury will be chaired by a lecturer with an academic degree from one of the member institutions who is present at the conference. The minimum number of jury members shall be 3 in each session (recommended number is 5). Jury members are delegated by each institution, indicating whether they can attend in person. Each jury must have a secretary familiar with and managing the IT solution, preferably delegated by the organizing institution.

The secretary is a full member of the jury, typically an MSc or Ph.D. student. The jury scores each essay according to criteria, using a voting program such as Adoodle (or any other program chosen by the local organizers) for online jury members. Conflict of interest rules is the responsibility of the individual jury members. Depending on the infrastructure, on-site jury members will vote on paper or electronically.

Each room must have a room supervisor, who may be a student delegated by the organizing institution, familiar with the physical and IT infrastructure, and can take action.

A maximum of one first prize and a maximum of one-third of the number of papers presented may be awarded (first, second and third) prizes per session. Awarding prizes is not compulsory; if a prize is not used in a session, it will revert to the central budget and may be awarded to another session.

A main jury of the chairs and secretaries of each section will merge the final results on the evening of the second day of the RBL Symposia.

The authors and their supervisors of each paper presented will receive an electronically produced certificate signed by the President and Director of EELISA. The prize winners will receive an additional certificate in the same format. These certificates, produced on official EELISA letterhead, will indicate the authors, the consultant, and the paper's title. No other reward is envisaged. If an essay is outstanding, the jury may award a special first prize with appropriate text.

Each institution organizes travel for students and teachers independently according to its grant budget and rules. There is no fee for participation in the conference.

No conference proceedings will be produced to avoid further publication restrictions.

In the spirit of the GDPR, students will be asked to consent to the event's electronic broadcasting. No video recordings of the event will be produced beyond the general hir service cutting images.

Following the conference, feedback on the content and delivery will be requested via an online form. The summary will be presented at the next plenary EELISA meeting.

## **Annex A**

### **Requirements of the research work**

#### **1. Content requirements for the project:**

All entries submitted to the Competition undergo a plagiarism check. Special attention is drawn to the fact that plagiarism is not allowed in any form, no reference can be made to one's own works without reference (prohibition of self-plagiarism). References should be consisted as appropriate to the scientific field. Entries that have been shown to infringe copyright will be excluded from the competition.

The submitted entry must be the individual work of the student(s). The most important literature on the topic must be presented in the application and the importance and interest of the topic must be justified. The purpose and method of the research must be presented. The application must include what results the student(s) received and how they were evaluated. The student(s) should compare their results and findings with the results found in the international literature. It should be clear what the own achievement/analysis is.

#### **2. Formal requirements for the application:**

##### ***General conditions:***

All entries shall be submitted via the online system of the conference. Entries must be uploaded in PDF format.

##### ***Recommended layout of the documentation:***

Font type: Times New Roman

Font size: 12 p

Line spacing: 1,5

Margin: 2,5

##### ***Section specific criteria (also recommendation):***

Minimum number of pages in the dissertation: 20,

The maximum number of pages of the dissertation: 60.

Each author should take care to avoid any form of plagiarism by using properly indicated citations.

#### **3. Rules for the evaluation of the work**

The jury will let evaluate the research work by two reviewers before the conference. Evaluation criteria for the written part are the followings:

- editing, style, and quality of the research report (maximum 10 points),
- literature review of the research field (maximum 5 points),
- quality of the elaboration of the topic (maximum 20 points),
- evaluation and applicability of the research results (maximum 15 points),
- modernity, importance, scientific impact (maximum 10 points).

Total: maximum 60 points.

The reviews of the document will be made public by the organizers via the online system at least 5 working days before the conference.

The research results shall be presented at the conference in the form of a 15 minutes long free presentation, followed by 3-5 minutes long discussion.

Evaluation aspects of the presentation are the followings:

- presentation of results, subject knowledge of the speaker (maximum 15 points),
- presentation style, time management (maximum 10 points),
- use and application of illustrative tools (maximum 5 points),
- ability to debate (maximum 10 points).

Total: maximum 40 points.

The final ranking is based on the arithmetic average of the two written evaluations and the sum of the total score obtained on the evaluation of the presentation at the conference.