

Regulation of the competition for the best poster presentations presented at the Warsaw Summer School on Advanced Optical Imaging

The present Regulations define rules and procedures for granting awards to conference participants for the best presentation in the form of a poster during the Warsaw Summer School on Advanced Optical Imaging, conference which will be held on September 3-5, 2024 in Warsaw.

§ 1 Definitions

The terms used in the present Regulations are defined below unless a different meaning is readily apparent based on the content of the Regulations:

1. **Author** – the person who authored or co-authored the poster and who presents it during the Event,
2. **Foundation E-mail address** – the e-mail address: events@candela.org.pl
3. **Committee** – the group, established by the Chairman of the Committee that participates in the evaluation and analysis of submissions. The list of Committee members is available on the Event Website.
4. **Competition** – the competition held by the Candela Foundation governed by rules set forth in the present Regulations,
5. **Foundation** or **Candela Foundation** – the Candela Foundation with its seat in Warsaw (03-822), ul. Grochowska 357/513, listed in the National Register of Associations, Other Social and Professional Organizations, Foundations and Public Health Care Units, under KRS number: 0000885495 and the Tax Identification Number: 1133028363 and the National Official Register of Business Entities (REGON): 388293056.
6. **Prize** – the monetary prize awarded for winning the Competition, paid via wire transfer to the bank account provided by the Laureate,
7. **Regulations** – the present Regulations,
8. **Event Website** – the Event website available at advanced-optical-imaging.candela.org.pl
9. **Participant** – a natural person taking part in the Competition who meets the requirements stipulated in § 2.
10. **Event** – the Warsaw Summer School on Advanced Optical Imaging, which will take place on September 3-5 2024, at the University of Warsaw Library, located at ul. Dobra 56/66 in Warsaw (00-312).
11. **Laureate** – the person who, based on the minutes protocoling the Committee's work, receives the Prize on the basis of the Regulations.

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§ 2 The Competition

1. The Competition is organized by the Candela Foundation.
2. The Competition will take place during the Event.
3. Participants may be adults who are of legal age, registered to actively take part in the Event, and who are Authors.
4. To take part in the competition, Participants must accept the terms of the Competition Regulations and send in their submissions no later than July 9, 2024.
5. Participating in the Competition is free of charge.

§ 3 The Committee

1. Jakub Bogusławski is the Chairman of the Committee.
2. The Chairman of the Committee is responsible for:
 1. Appointing other members of the Committee,
 2. Organizing the Committee's work.
3. The full list of Committee members is available on the Event Website.
4. The Committee evaluates the posters presented during the poster segment of the Event.
5. The Committee's decisions are final and not subject to any appeal procedure.
6. The Committee evaluates the posters according to the following criteria:
 1. Originality of the work;
 2. Methods of problem presentation and solution;
 3. Visual aspects and clarity of the poster.

§ 4 Prizes

1. As part of the Competition, two monetary prizes shall be awarded – each in the amount of PLN 1,800 gross.
2. In addition to the monetary prize, the Laurates will also receive book prizes worth up to PLN 200.
3. The Prizes will be awarded based on the minutes protocoling the Committee's work, which will recommend awarding the Prizes to specific Participants. The Chairman of the Committee and the Foundation President approve the protocol by signing it.
4. Each winner of the Competition will be informed of the conditions for collecting their Prize immediately after it is awarded, no later than on the day the Event concludes.
5. The Prize will be paid in PLN by wire transfer until October 31, 2024 after a bank account statement is sent to the Organizer's E-mail address.
6. The Prize will be reduced by the amount of an advance personal income tax, as well as by the social security contribution, should their collection be required by regulations in effect on the date of the payment of the Prize.

§ 5 Liability

The Foundation shall not be liable for the content presented on the posters. The sole responsibility rests with the person submitting the poster.

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§ 6 Final Provisions

1. The Foundation reserves the right to:
 1. Cancel the Competition,
 2. Introduce changes to the Regulations,
 3. Exclude from the Competition any person who violates any terms of these Regulations or the Event Regulations, and, in particular:
 - A. Perform actions that are against the law, principles of good conduct or harmful to the justified interests of third parties,
 - B. Perform actions intent on or indicating an attempt to circumvent the Event Regulations or the terms for the organization of the Event,
 - C. Perform actions that violate the established interests of the Foundation or which are harmful to its image.
2. In the event of disputes with a Participant, the court having jurisdiction for their resolution will be the court having jurisdiction over the Foundation's seat.
3. When the court having jurisdiction affirms the invalidity of some of the Regulations' provisions, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and will, in such a case, remain in force.
4. The Foundation President is responsible for making decisions in matters not governed by the Competition Regulations and interpreting the provisions of the Regulations.
5. In regard to matters not governed by these Regulations, the relevant provisions of the Polish law shall apply.

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