

PROCEDURE FOR CONFERENCE AWARDS

I. **Best ORAL Paper Awards (1/section) and Best POSTER Presentation Award (1/section)**

Purpose: to recognize and promote quality contributions that are being presented in the section specific areas.

Procedure:

1. The paper quality is assessed and scored by reviewers and can be nominated for one of the awards.
2. The commission of each subsection assesses the oral presentation / posters of the nominated papers and assigns a score to each paper/ poster.
3. The papers/ posters with the highest score are analyzed by the commission consisting of the section chairs.

Criteria: The decision criteria will consider both the paper quality (assessed and scored by the reviewer), and the oral presentation quality (feedback given by session chairs at the conference venue).

1. Theoretical contribution;
2. Use of appropriate methodological rigor;
3. Quality of argument incorporating; (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate
4. Clarity of writing and/or presentation;
 - a. Readability, coherence, effective organization and presentation of concepts, facts,
 - b. Use of clear, concise and comprehensible language;
5. Audience (ability to engage audience)

The form of the award: certificate; 100% discount on the fee for the paper accepted at the next edition. The announcement of their achievement on a special conference webpage.

II. Best Reviewer Awards

Purpose: to recognize and encourage reviewers.

Procedure:

1. The conference Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture offers each year up to **seven** “Best Reviewer Award” at the annual meeting to recognize and encourage reviewers.
2. The Section Coordinator has the autonomy to select the best reviewers based on the established criteria.

Criteria:

1. Depth and scope of the review, i.e. not length, but rather coverage;
3. Timeliness of the review;
4. The extent to which the review is constructive;
5. The submitter’s average feedback to the usefulness and tone of the reviewer.

The form of the award: certificate

Announcement and Presentation of the Awards

- The list of nominated papers for the Best Paper Awards will be announced on the conference website at least three weeks before the conference due date.
- Corresponding authors of individual nominated papers will also be notified by email around the same time.
- All the awards will be announced and presented at the closing ceremony of the conference.
- A certificate will be presented to each winning paper or poster.
- Any paper authored or co-authored by a member of the committee will be automatically excluded from the process.