



Best Student Oral Paper Competition at the International Biometric Conference

If you are an IBS member and an enrolled student at the time of registering for the conference, and your abstract is accepted for **oral presentation in a contributed paper session**, you are eligible to be considered for **Best Student Oral Presentation Prize**.

The aim of this competition is to encourage the participation of students in the oral programme at the *International Biometric Conference (IBC)* and improve the quality of scientific communication.

Award winners are recognized at the *Closing Conference Awards Ceremony* on the final day of the conference, as well as in the Society's quarterly newsletter, the *Biometric Bulletin*, and on the website. Typically, two awards are given.

Application and Award Process

Initial application is at abstract submission. The lead author and presenter must be designated as a student during abstract submission. The abstract submission must indicate application for this award.

The student presenter must be a (student) member of IBS and should register for the conference as a student delegate by **Thursday, 31 May 2018**.

If the paper is accepted for oral presentation in a contributed oral session, the applicant must then submit a final draft of the presentation (*PowerPoint* or *PDF*) by **Thursday, 31 May 2018** via email: conference@biometricsociety.org. Validation of student status (for example, a letter from a supervisor) will also be required at this time.

Judging

Select members from the International Programme Committee (IPC) and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will judge the presentations. The submitted papers will be pre-screened by the judges, and no more than 12 will be selected as finalists for the competition. At least two judges will attend the oral presentation of each finalist in the competition.

The *Judging Criteria* are as follows:

1. **Originality:** To what extent does the work presented add to the existing body of knowledge?
2. **Purpose:** Is the purpose clearly stated, and is its importance discussed?
3. **Methods:** Are the methods and statistical analyses sound?
4. **Conclusions:** Do the conclusions follow from the results presented?
5. **Presentation:** Did the presenter speak clearly and effectively? Were the multimedia aids of high quality?
6. **Answering Questions:** How well did the presenter answer questions from the audience?

More information about this award will also be available on the conference website:
<http://2018.biometricconference.org/>.

Important note: At abstract submission, if eligible, an abstract may be designated to be considered for the **Young Statistician Competition**, **Best Student Oral Paper** and **Best Poster**. It is then entered into the relevant competition after decisions regarding assignment of the abstract are made.