



Congress News

14th International Congress of the Radiation Protection Association

9 - 13 May 2016, Cape Town – South Africa

IRPA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

The IRPA14 Organising Committee issues a special invitation and encouragement to younger scientists and professionals to attend the congress as delegates. Besides the Young Professionals Award the Organising Committee will encourage networking amongst young persons by holding a specific reception for them, allowing them also to meet some of the senior figures in the profession.

Eligible persons are requested to tick the relevant box on the registration form.

Purpose of the Award

Processes that involve radioactive material and radiation require qualified scientists and professionals in the field of radiation protection and safety. The purpose of this award is therefore to promote investigation into radiation protection and all its related disciplines by young scientists and professionals. The IRPA Young Professionals Award renders an opportunity to present the work in an oral form to an experienced international audience of experts and peers.

Rules

To qualify for this distinction young scientists and professionals are required to:

- be under 35 years, or in exceptional cases if the candidate is older, be in the first five years of their career in radiation protection;
- be the main author of a paper whose abstract has been approved by the Scientific Committee or Board of the candidate's Radiation Protection Associate Society in that Region;
- if the work has more than one author, obtain the written consent of the other authors for the main author to be the candidate for the award; and
- be officially designated by the relevant Associate Society in the Region of the Conference.

- **The Candidate's Associate Society is required to:**
- ensure that their nominated candidate has submitted an abstract before the general deadline (20 September 2015) through the normal system on the IRPA 2016 web site,
- send the nominee's name and the title of the competing abstract to the Congress organisers (e-mail abrie.visagie@necsa.co.za) by 15 October 2015. Only one candidate per society is allowed for IRPA14, and
- ensure that the candidate for the award can participate in the Congress and make an oral presentation of the paper. In case the candidate cannot assure his/her participation due to financial constraints, he/she will be able to apply for any of the scholarships that sponsoring organizations are able to grant. Normally the candidate's Associate Society should ensure that the applicant can participate, where necessary by providing financial support.

Awards

Three awards (First, Second and Third prize) will be presented to the selected young scientists and professionals, according to criteria established by the Jury. The awards will be announced and presented in the Closing Ceremony of IRPA14, and will consist of diplomas and/or memorial plaques, together with a monetary prize. All candidates for the award should be present during this ceremony.

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