



# PIANC

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## RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR THE PIANC DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### THE AIM

The aim of the PIANC DE PAEPE-WILLEMS Award is to encourage Young Professionals (YP) to submit technical papers in the field of interest of PIANC.

### SUBJECTS OF INTEREST

Technical submissions must deal with a subject in the field of navigation relevant to the Association.

The papers must be original and a practical application of technology (state-of-practice). Authors can only apply once with the same paper, unless significantly additional investigation into the subject has taken place.

### THE JURY

A jury will be appointed by the Executive Committee (ExCom) by 30 June and will be composed of:

- one member of ExCom who will chair the jury, and
- at least one expert representing InCom, MarCom, EnviCom and RecCom

If none of the papers meets the required standards, the jury can decide not to grant the Awards. The decisions of the jury will be final.

The jury will convey its decisions to the ExCom at the occasion of the spring meeting.

### CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING THE SUBMISSION

The jury will judge each paper's content by the following four criteria with equal weight, scoring the paper in each criterion from 1 (low) to 5 (high):

#### Criterion 1: Value and interest of the paper to professional peers

- To what degree is the subject matter current, in terms of developments now underway?
- To what degree can the findings and conclusions of the paper be readily applied by others to related practical problems?
- To what degree can the experience documented in the paper be related by others to similar situations elsewhere; i.e. are the 'lessons learnt' clearly stated?

#### Criterion 2: Significance of the paper's contribution to the state-of-practice

- To what degree do the findings and conclusions of the paper advance the state-of-the-art?



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- To what degree does the analytical experimental or field application results discussed in the paper appear to be reproducible?

### Criterion 3: The originality of the material

- To what degree is the perspective of the author on the subject matter unique in terms of existing literature on similar topics?
- To what degree does the presentation discuss novel analytical procedures, experimental methods, or field applications?

### Criterion 4: Whether the writing style is clear, logical, concise and easy to follow

- To what degree is the entire paper written in correct grammar and accepted technical style?
- To what degree is the entire paper free of redundancy and superfluous comment?
- To what degree is the entire paper continuous and orderly, with each topic completed before leading into the next topic in a logical manner?

## THE AWARDS

There are **3 winning** papers, which receive the following prizes:

### Number 1:

- € 4,000.00
- Free membership of PIANC for a three-year period
- The winner will be invited to present his/her paper at the GA.
  - Free hotel accommodation for three nights will be provided,
  - together with a payment of travel expenses in economy class to the GA.

### Number 2:

- € 2,000.00
- Free membership of PIANC for a one-year period.

### Number 3:

- € 1,000.00
- Free membership of PIANC for a one-year period.

The Awards will be granted to those candidates who submit the most outstanding papers selected by the Jury in the calendar year preceding the General Assembly (GA) at which the Award is granted.

In case of co-authorship, the Award will be granted to the principal author of the paper.



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## CONDITIONS TO BE FULFILLED BY THE CANDIDATE

### A candidate must:

- a) be eligible to be a YP-member as at 31 December of the year of submission of the paper
- b) not have won the Award before
- c) submit a **3-page abstract** of his/her paper, together with the **application form**, to the General Secretariat of PIANC **before 31 August** of the year preceding the granting of the Award. The **full paper** should be submitted by **30 September** of the same year. **No exception these deadlines will be allowed.**
- d) be the author or the lead author of a team

### Submissions must:

- a) not exceed 5,000 words excluding charts, graphs and illustrations;
- b) not exceed a total of 20 pages;
- c) be written in English including a summary;
- d) include the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s);
- e) include an ID picture of the author and some relevant key words.

## PUBLICATION OF AWARD-WINNING PAPERS

The three winning papers will be published entirely in the Yearbook.

After designation of the winners, the Association retains copyright for those limited contributions only.