

June 23, 2010

PACIFICHEM 2010 STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

General Schedule and Prescreening Notice

Dear Applicants of the Student Poster Competition:

Thank you for interest in participating in the *Student Poster Competition* to be held as part of Pacifichem 2010, December 15–20, 2010 in Honolulu, HI, USA

This document is to inform you of the selection procedures (A) and the general schedule (B) of the Student Poster Competition; see also the following notes and instructions (C–F):

A. Selection Process

- Applications (2070 posters) --- (Prescreening; ca. 12 %)
- First-Round Finalists (240 posters) --- (Special Poster-Competition Session; ca. 15 %)
- Final Award Winners (40 posters) (ca. 2 % of applications)

B. General Schedule

- Wednesday, June 23, 2010: Prescreening of 2070 candidates starts
- Friday, July 23, 2010: Prescreening completed with the selection of 240 finalists
- Tuesday, July 27, 2010: Notification of Prescreening Results (e-mail to the applicants)
- Wednesday, December 15, 2010: Pacifichem 2010 begins
- Thursday, December 16, 2010: Student Poster Competition for the 240 first-round finalists (12:00 noon – 2:00 PM). The first regular poster session is Thursday evening, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The remaining poster sessions are on Friday AM/Eve; Saturday AM/Eve, and Sunday AM/Eve.
- Sunday, December 19, 2010: Student Poster Competition Awards Luncheon for the 40 Winners of the competition.
- Monday, December 20, 2010: Pacifichem 2010 ends

C. Prescreening

Pacifichem 2010 received 2070 Student Poster Competition applications as indicated by the applicants during abstract submission. Given such a large number of applications, the Scientific Program Subcommittee reluctantly decided to pre-select **240 first-round finalists** (approximately 12 % of the total applications) that will be eligible to participate in the *Student Poster-Competition Session* to select the 40 award winners based on the following criteria: *novelty and importance of the research, and quality of the written abstract*.

Please understand that prescreening is required to identify the number of the first-round finalists technically suitable for the single-day live judging event for the Student Poster Competition session in Honolulu. Prescreening will be conducted by official judges designated by the Pacifichem 2010 Scientific Program Subcommittee and will be based on the abstract submitted through the Pacifichem Abstract System.

D. Notification of Prescreening Results

On Tuesday, **July 27, 2010**, all the applicants of the Student Poster Competition will be notified by e-mail from the Scientific Program Subcommittee, to inform them of prescreening results, and, for the first-round finalists, where the Special Poster-Competition Session will take place at the Pacifichem 2010.

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E. Regular Poster Session

Importantly, *regardless of the prescreening results, all* applicants are to present their posters during the ***Regular Poster Sessions*** of the Pacifichem 2010, *separately* from the Special Poster-Competition Session. For the date, time, and place of your regular poster presentation, please follow the instructions given in the scheduling notices sent to all Pacifichem 2010 presenters by the Pacifichem Abstract System.

F. Registration and Travel

The Scientific Program Committee recommends the applicants of the Student Poster Competition closely follow the schedule and the proceeding of the Competition and, accordingly, make advanced registration, accommodation, and travel arrangements for your participation in Pacifichem 2010. Please remember: if you are selected as one of the 240 First-Round Finalist, you should make arrangements to remain in Honolulu through Sunday, December 19, 2010 *in the event* that you are also one of the 40 Award winners of the Student Poster Competition.

Thank you for your commitment to the Student Poster Competition, and we look forward to seeing you at the Pacifichem 2010 in December.

Good luck and with best regards,

Mitsuo Sawamoto (Coordinator, Student Poster Competition) and
Steven Holdcroft (Technical Program Chair)
Scientific Program Subcommittee
Pacifichem 2010