

“Best of the Best Prizes” Competition

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A competition for “Best of the Best Prizes” has been devised by the Organizing Committee of 2019 Asian Chemical Congress (ACC), inspired by the robust performance of postgraduate students at the 2017 ACC in Melbourne. The competition aims to provide a platform for chemists to distinguish themselves at an early stage of their professional training. There are two-stages of competition involving poster and then oral presentations. “The Best Prize” is set to the winners in the poster competition. “Best of the Best Prize” is set to the winners both in the poster and oral competitions.

Objectives:

- ✧ To encourage postgraduate and undergraduate students to attend Asian Chemical Congress and present their scientific work;
- ✧ To recognize excellent, outstanding performance of students through their poster or oral presentations or both;
- ✧ Through recognition of awardees, to inspire many other students to study chemistry; and
- ✧ To provide a network for students from different scientific societies to exchange and share their learning experiences and knowledge.

Qualifications:

The competition is open to all students undertaking doctoral, master, or bachelor degree studies without Ph.D. degree in Chemical sciences that contain a substantial chemical component.

Enrollment Processes:

1. All of the contestants are required to register to attend the 2019 ACC.
2. Enrollment for “*Best of the Best Prizes*” *ChemCompetition*, including abstract and recommendation letter submission, is available online via the 2019 ACC website. Once validated by the *ChemCompetition* Organizing Committee, the contestant will receive an identity number (ID) for the *ChemCompetition*.
3. Online enrollment commences June 1, 2019 and closes October 31, 2019. All portfolios and supporting documents must be submitted by the closing date.
4. Contestants can also enroll on-site at the 2019 ACC registration desk but must provide a recommendation letter from his/her advisor. However, the

ChemCompetition Organizing Committee reserves the right to decline his/her enrollment in the competition if there are more than five contestants already registered for the contestant's Chemical Society. The final deadline for on-site enrollment is 16:00, 9 December 2019.

5. Each contestant must prepare a poster with his/her name as the first author and the research advisor as the last co-author.

Judging Processes:

A. *The initial judging process is by poster presentation:*

Poster time will be 10:00~14:00, 10 December 2019.

1. The contestants must post their posters on the board using the ID provided by the *ChemCompetition* Organizing Committee. The contestants must stand in front of his/her poster during the poster presentation time. At least three judging panel members will review and mark each poster. The best 30 posters from members of Federation of Asian Chemical Societies and 10 best posters from non-member areas will be selected in the finalist of "*Best of the Best Prizes*" *ChemCompetition*.
2. The list of finalists will be announced at the bulletin board of the poster area at 10:00 am, 11 December 2019. Each of them will be honored at the Closing Ceremony of 2019 ACC and awarded a "The Best Prize" diploma and USD50 from the 2019 ACC.

B. *The final judging process is by oral presentation:*

Oral presentation time will be 9:00~12:00, 12 December 2019.

1. The 40 poster finalists will be asked to deliver a 3-min oral presentation plus 1-min Q&A in front of the final judging panel (10 referees). The judging panel will give the mark to each based on their contribution to the work, understanding of the science, and presentation skills.
2. The 10 finalists with the best oral presentation scores will be specially honoured during the Closing Ceremony of 2019 ACC and awarded a "Best of the Best Prize" diploma and an additional USD100 from 2019 ACC.